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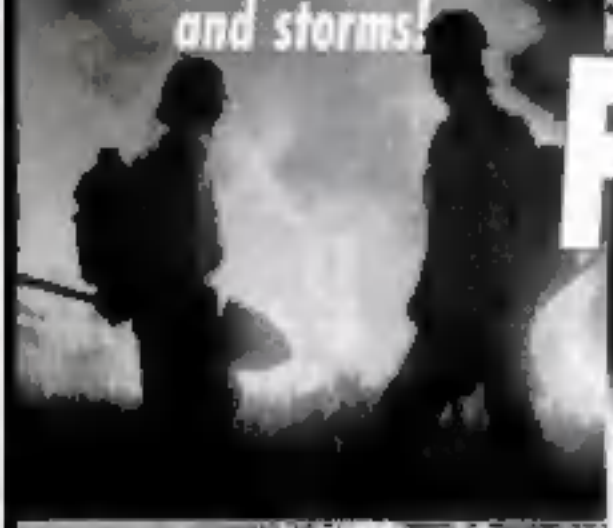
WEIRD WEATHER FRIGHTENS BIBLE EXPERTS

Ancient prophecy foretold a summer of great heat and storms!



TORNADOES SWEEP ACROSS MIDWEST!

FLASH FLOODS LEAVE THOUSANDS HOMELESS!

God said, 'I call for a drought upon the land, and upon mountains and upon the corn . . .'

IS YOUR PAST LIFE AFFECTING YOUR PERSONALITY?

A woman keeps herself fat because she was tortured to death for being too beautiful in a past life . . . a wimpy salesman reveals he was a virtual slave in a 12th-century lifetime . . . another woman's fear of heights is the result of a plunge that snuffed out a past life.

Surprising new research in regressive hypnosis says the answer may be yes!

EXPERT Dr. Bruce Goldberg is highly regarded in the field of hypnotic regression.

These examples show how events in a person's past life can affect their present-day personality, said Dr. Bruce Goldberg, a highly regarded expert on hypnotic regression — the recollection of past lives while under hypnosis.

Here are some of his case histories:

1 "A woman in her mid-30s came to me with a weight problem. She was bright and had a very pretty face, but kept herself 40 pounds overweight," said Dr. Goldberg, author of Past Lives — Future Lives.

"Incredibly, she told me she was afraid to be thin. She said, 'I'm convinced that if I do get thin, somehow I'll be killed.'

"Under hypnosis I took her back into her past — to France in the 1700s, where she was the youngest of seven sisters whose parents had died.

"She was slim and beautiful, but her sisters were overweight and unattractive. The sisters tortured her. And one day, when she was about 17, they tortured her so badly she died.

"She learned in that past life that being attractive leads to pain. I convinced her the past was not destined to repeat itself, after the therapy she dropped the weight and hasn't put it back on.

2 Another fascinating case involved a salesman who complained that he was dominated by everyone — his mother, his wife, his customers and even his children.

"Under hypnosis, he revealed a chilling past life," said Dr. Goldberg.

"The year was 1133. His name was Thayer and he lived in Bavaria. He was an apprentice to a master craftsman named Gustave, who treated him like a slave, and even chained him under the table to eat his meals.

"Thayer was whipped and beaten mercilessly, sexually abused, humiliated and dominated at every opportunity.

"One day Thayer rebelled, and fought with Gustave who stabbed him to death.

"Once I told the salesman what the past showed — and that he had nothing to fear in the present — he began building a better image of himself so people wouldn't walk all over him."

3 Dr. Goldberg said another woman came to him because she was terrified of heights. She couldn't ride an elevator and a trip to a two-story building required anti-nausea pills.

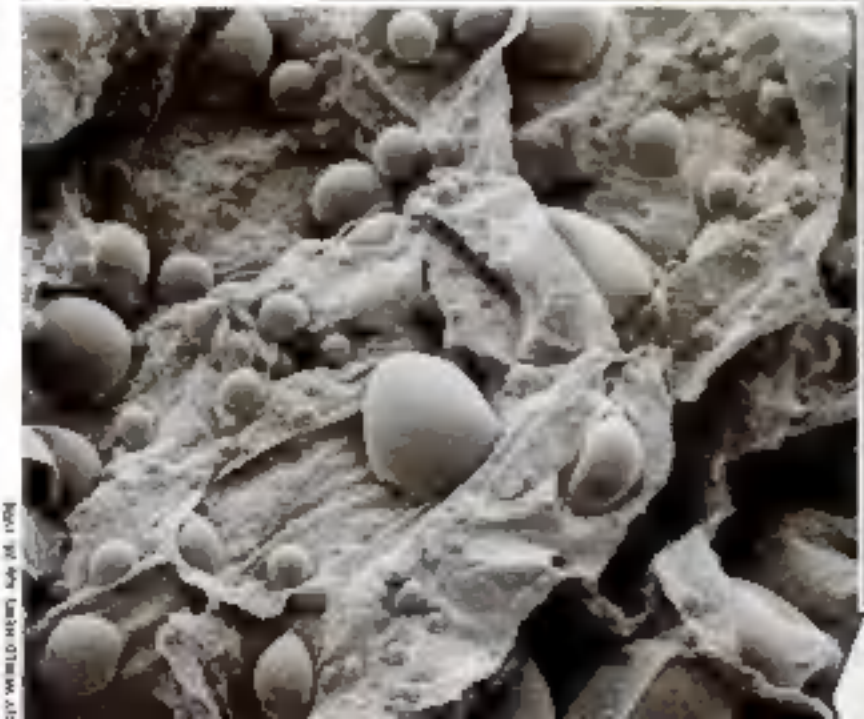
Through hypnosis and regression into a past life she found the root of her fear in a horrifying fall off a cliff, he said.

"She was a boy, about 5, who lived in Switzerland. One day, while showing off to her brother, she slipped and fell.

"She gave a vivid description of the plunge, including the eerie sound of the wind rushing past her head, and the terrible impact.

"After the hypnosis I explained what had happened and why the woman was so fearful now. Her fears vanished.

"I firmly believe many of the emotional problems people have today stem from problems or experiences in previous lives."



Man arrested for harassing ex-wife by sending her 637 dirty postcards!

ROME, Italy — Bank employee Domenico Tiberti was arrested and charged with harassing his former wife after he went on vacation to France — and mailed her 637 dirty postcards!

The 37-year-old man sent ex-wife Daniela sexually explicit postcards featuring nude men and women, pictures of anatomic couples, close-ups of nude statuary and other shocking photos.

At one point more than 50 cards were arriving at her apartment daily, police say.

You eat this stuff!

MODEL DAD KILLS 5-YEAR-OLD TWINS WITH SLEDGEHAMMER

CLINTON, Pa. — By all accounts, Vincent Spik was a loving and devoted dad to his 5-year-old twins — until the nightmarish day he took a 5-pound sledgehammer and bashed their little brains in.

"I just lost it," Spik, 37, told cops, who charged him with two counts of homicide.

The grief-stricken dad said twins Emily and Bobby were slow getting dressed to go to a day care center and he was running late for work on the day of the tragedy.

He was frustrated because he could find only one of the two Power Ranger masks the kids wanted to take with them, cops said.

Spik went to the basement looking for the other Power Ranger mask and, when he couldn't find it, he grabbed the sledgehammer, police said.

"That's when something 'snapped' in the brain of the hard-working electrician and family man, according to police.

Cops said the berserk father smashed little Emily twice in the face with the hammer while she knelt by the TV.

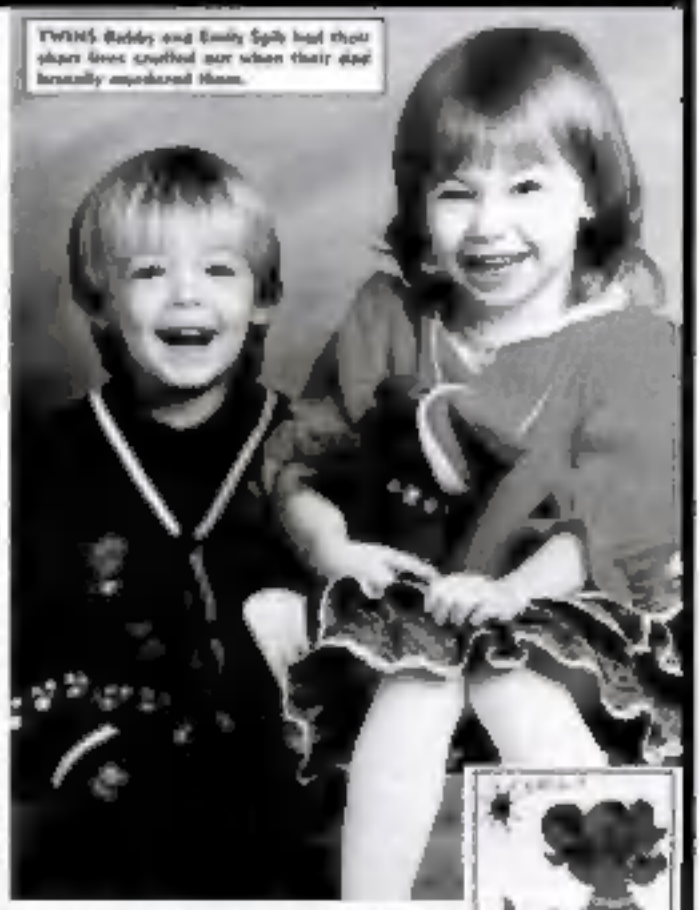
Then he bludgeoned Bobby twice in the back of the head, cops said.

It was 9:10 a.m. when Spik called police and said calmly, "I've just killed my children."

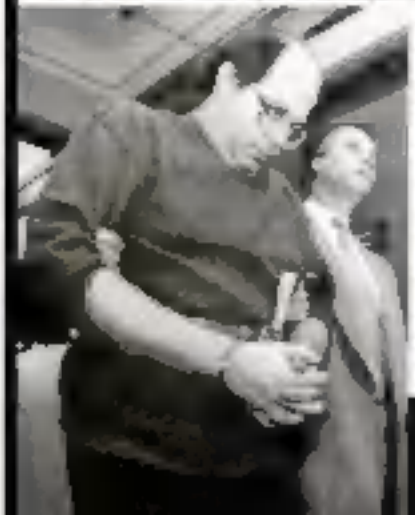
The Emily was lying dead on the floor still clutching her stuffed horse, when police arrived. Barely alive, Bobby was flown to a Pittsburgh hospital, where he died four hours later. When told that his children had been brutally murdered, mother Susan Spik, 35, collapsed at the bank where she works and had to be hospitalized.

... over missing Power Ranger mask!

By JACK ALEXANDER
Sunday World News



TWINS Bobby and Emily Spik had their short lives snuffed out when their dad brutally murdered them.



Stunned neighbors on the quiet, tree-lined street in rural Pittsburgh suburb said the Spiks were very caring parents who tried for 11 years to have children before they were blessed with the birth of the twins. "They were always with their kids. The kids didn't struggle at," said neighbor John Kish.

The doting dad took the twins to the day care center every morning, from the time they were infants, and their mother picked them up in the evening.

Marie Meagan, owner of the Teddy Bear Village Day Care Center, said little Emily loved kitties and was always drawing pictures of cats. Bobby "was our little helper," she added. "Mr. Spik would take them to their coat hooks at the center, get down on the floor and help them all with their coats," she said.

"He always gave them a kiss and before leaving, he would say, 'I love you. Have a good day.' That's why this is such a nightmare." Spik, who has no previous criminal record, has been committed to Mayview State Hospital for a 90-day psychiatric evaluation. His lawyers said he is unable to assist them in his defense.

He "cries uncontrollably" every time he tries to talk about it, the lawyers say.

BUDDING artist Emily loved to draw and color. This was her last work of art.

Neighbors stunned that

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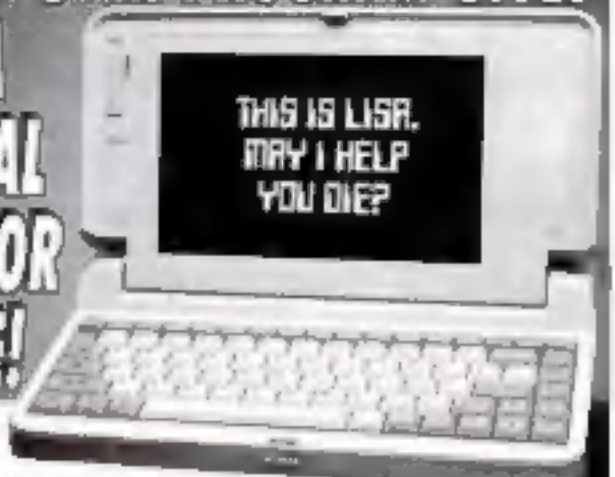

By RANDY JEFFRIES
Weekly World News

DENVER, Colo. — Assisted-suicide doctors like Jack Kevorkian may soon be obsolete, thanks to a new computer program that helps terminally ill people kill themselves with a minimum of pain and suffering!

The program, known as the Life Interruption Serum Assembler (or L.I.S.A.), can configure an individualized death cocktail — a combination of toxic drugs — based on a person's weight, age, physical condition and other data.

Then the person either buys the drugs or, if he's too ill, has a concerned loved one buy them for him.

"Most of the pain-killers, sleep-inducing medicines and poisons recommended are available over-the-counter at any American drugstore or pharmacy," said Swiss scientist Dr. Lars Obbermann, who designed the L.I.S.A. Dr. Obbermann is in the United States hoping to get the mercy-killing system on the market here.

Some critics say the program has no value because anyone who wants to kill himself can do it with cut wrists or drug overdose. But Dr. Obbermann says these observations lack sensitivity.

"How would you like to die by drinking drain cleaner, arsenic or rubbing alcohol?" he asked reporters.

"The L.I.S.A. doesn't just tell people how to kill themselves. It informs them about how to do it with maximum effectiveness and a minimum of pain.

"Too much of these toxic chemicals will cause the patients' stomach to convulse, making them vomit before the drugs get into the system. The low a dosage won't work.

"The would-be suicide enters his or her weight, age, state of health and other important information into the computer.

"Then, based on these criteria, the system formulates a perfect 'cocktail' — the exact combination of drugs and the amounts — that will first put the patient into a deep sleep, then gently shut down his life functions."

The L.I.S.A. is legal in Switzerland and has already been used 14 times. But Dr. Obbermann faces an uphill battle getting it onto the American market. "Americans have some antiquated ideas about merry killing," said Dr. Obbermann.

"But I hope I can open their minds."

L.I.S.A., the new suicide machine, lets you custom design your very own death cocktail

Club owner doesn't get the last laugh!

VERONA, Italy — Comedy club owner Franco Milani was arrested after authorities discovered he was secretly releasing nitrous oxide — better known as laughing gas — through the club's air ducts to make people laugh more.

SNAKES ALIVE!

TEENS ARE WEARING SLITHERY SERPENTS AS JEWELERY!

Teenagers in Sydney have adopted a bizarre new look. They're wearing live snakes around their necks and wrists! The snakes, nonpoisonous garden variety, are sometimes attached to special gold shears and are expected to wiggle and writhe affectionately. The more colorful they are, the better. "The snakes are expensive so they're usually well taken care of by

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Page 5 Girl!

Vivacious Shannon Zion is of Portuguese-Lebanese descent — and one luscious, leggy all-American girl. The California cutie is a model, a whiz at golf — and a perfect 34C-24-33 to boot.

If you'd like to be our Page 5 Girl, send a picture, a phone number where you can be reached and some information about yourself to Page 5, Weekly World News, 600 East

Personality and handwriting really ARE linked

. . . says new research!

By JUNE SAWYER
Weekly World News

You can improve your personality by changing your handwriting, says a noted graphologist.

"Your handwriting reveals the weaknesses in your personality. Once you are aware of your bad traits, you can improve them by concentrating on changing your handwriting," Shirl Solomon explained.

Mrs. Solomon, author of *How to Really Know Yourself Through Your Handwriting*, said graphology — the study of handwriting — is a tool that can help people successfully deal with their personalities. For those who want to improve their personalities by improving their handwriting, Mrs. Solomon has these tips:

● If you start sentences with small first letters, you are probably timid about beginning new projects. Begin strong by making the first letters larger. This will subconsciously improving your ambition.

● If you use dashes frequently, you're probably overly concerned with what people think. Dashes are the same as words that grope, or hedge the subject. Replace them with abrupt periods.

● If your capital "I" is flowery it may indicate insecurity and a need for attention from others. Write your "I" plainly. This shows you are open and direct and have no great hang-ups.

● If the word "I" is very small in comparison with the other letters, you probably have a weak self-image and like to hide in crowds of people. Enlarge the "I," increase the space inside the loop, and you're more apt to rise above the masses.

● If the final flourish of your signature turns back and crosses out part of your name, you have negative feelings about yourself. Leave the last stroke where it is. This helps make your personality more open.

FARMER JAILED FOR FEEDING PIGS GARBAGE!

ROPING, Sweden — Flabbergasted farmer Carl Lindlus was jailed for animal abuse — because he fed his pigs garbage.

"It's crazy. Hogs have been eating garbage since time began," said Lindlus, who served five days in the hoosegow, "My pigs are fat and sassy."

Lindlus was convicted of violating the country's strict animal-rights laws by failing to feed his 13 sisters a balanced diet.

Wife wears scuba gear because she is allergic to hubby!

GOTEBORG, Sweden — Long-suffering Nina Hedman is so allergic to her husband Gunnar that she can't get too close to him — unless she wears a scuba mask and tank.

Furious Nina loves her hubby dearly, but she sneezes violently whenever he comes near her. That's because he is a lobster fisherman and she is allergic to shellfish.

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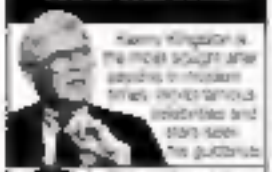

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Study reveals . . .

Want your kid to be a success? Give him a weird name!

By JUNE SAWYER
World News

The name you give your child may influence his character, the way others view him — and even how successful he is later in life, experts say.

Here's a round-up of research that proves there's more in a name than we generally believe:

● Unusual names are a plus. A college study of 1,200 students showed that men with common names suffered more often from guilt, inferiority and hostility. There was speculation that those with uncommon names thought of themselves as unique and they felt more important than those with common monikers.

● People judge others by their names. One study gave 200 subjects a speaker's name, qualifications and background. Half were given the name Adam Williams, while the other half were given the name Myron Williams. The result:

The subjects tended to view Adam Williams as generally more active, masculine, dominating, competitive, cold and responsible than the same person identified as Myron Williams.

In an Ohio University study, students rated 20 names of men on the basis of masculinity. Judged least masculine were the names Courtney, Ingmar, Shelley and Carrol; most macho were Gus, Hart, Adam and Max.

● Names affect character. Names are closely bound to the development of personality, one specialist reports. For example, a man named McCloud had trouble establishing "warm" relationships with others and suffered from coldness in his hands and feet.

● Last names often influence choice of profession. According to a fascinating study by a State University of New York psychologist, "a person's surname is frequently related to his occupation or interests." He listed the surnames of over 150 people who distinguished themselves in fields corresponding to their names — for example, tennis champion Margaret Court and a specialist in abnormal psychology named Dr. Strange.

The wrong name could wreck your child's life!

CASTRO BANS MONOPOLY GAME IN CUBA!

HAVANA, Cuba — Do NOT pass Go. Do NOT collect $200. Proclaiming that the game of Monopoly is "symbolic of an imperialistic system," Communist dictator Fidel Castro has banned the popular board game — and ordered that thousands of sets owned by citizens be "seized and destroyed!"

14-ft. earthworms force hundreds from their homes!

SYDNEY, Australia — Giant earthworms as thick as fire hoses are forcing hundreds of people to flee their farms and homes in the Australian outback!

The slimy creatures, which can be as long as 14 feet, can be heard slurping and gurgling as they slither through tunnels less than six feet underground.

While there have been no known human deaths linked to the

Texas man rushed to hospital after burning his insides with . . .

WORLD'S HOTTEST CHILI!

HOT DAMN!

SPEECHLESS: Recovering Rusty Childs will be sipping fluids and eating bland foods for weeks to come.

By RICK TRACY
Weekly World News

LUBBOCK, Texas — Happy-go-lucky Ryan "Rusty" Childs nearly set his insides on fire trying to get his name in the *Guinness Book of World Records* — by eating the world's hottest chili.

Rusty severely burned his throat and stomach after adding a cup of the world's hottest spice — Red "Savina" Habanero pepper — to a pot of chili he prepared at a cookoff near here.

"Hot damn. I'm on fire," screamed the 32-year-old ranch hand after swallowing a spoonful of his fiery concoction. "Oh God, I can't stand it."

Friends rushed Rusty to a nearby medical clinic where he was treated for severe burns and given painkillers.

'He did a stupid thing . . . his throat & stomach looked like he swallowed a ball of fire,' emergency room doctor said!

"He did a very stupid thing," said a doctor.

"His throat and the lining of his stomach looked as if he had swallowed a ball of fire."

Rusty is expected to recover but he'll be sipping fluids and eating foods out of a blender for weeks to come.

The redheaded mechanic obviously didn't know much about spices in his foolish attempt at international fame. And he didn't know much about the Guinness book.

Guinness has no category that honors a person for eating the world's hottest chili. Rusty's ordeal was all in vain.

The *Guinness Book of World Records*, however, says Red "Savina" Habanero pepper is the world's hottest spice. A single gram will produce 8 scorable heat in 1,272 pounds of bland sauce.

Rusty also spiced up his scorching hot chili with Tabasco, El Yucateco Habanero green, Dave's Insanity sauce and the infamous Mad Dog Inferno sauce — all around the hottest spices on Earth.

"I think I'll stick to six-packs, shootin' pool and things I know about from now on," Rusty whispered. "I must have been crazy to do what I did."

POOR NUTRITION CAN DRIVE YOU CRAZY!

That's the word from top Canadian psychiatrist Dr. Abram Hoffer, a pioneer in the use of vitamins and nutrients in treating mental illness. He says nine out of 10 people being treated for mental problems are actually suffering from poor diets.

"Most psychiatrists have not recognized the fact that millions of emotionally disturbed people are actually

By NORMA BURT
Weekly World News

been wiped out of modern society," said Dr. Abram Hoffer.

"Early stages of these diseases can cause symptoms of depression, anxiety, irritability, great fatigue and disorientation — the brutal and bitter enemies and other worthless foods, but are treated psychiatrically instead of nutritionally.

"Once nutritional factors in emotional problems are fully understood, nine out of 10 people now being treated by psychiatrists will be able to be cured by their family doctors. In other words, it would take one-tenth as many psychiatrists as we have today and

patients a year who have been diagnosed by other doctors as psychotic.

He said only 10 percent of these patients actually need psychiatric counseling.

"The standard procedure with the majority of psychiatrists is to put their patients on the couch and try to encourage memories of traumas. Many people have been kept in psychotherapy for years without more than 2,500 schizophrenics. "Of the patients who have stayed with the program of nutritional changes that I outline, 90 percent are recovered today.

"I foresee the day when a patient suffering from almost any kind of mental problem will be sent to a biochemical laboratory where his body fluids and tissue will be examined.

Famous psychic has cured thousands!

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Saturday, August 8, 1998 at 12 noon EDT

Serena Sabak, the World's Sexiest Psychic, has agreed to transmit her amazing powers of healing and good fortune to people across America — and all you have to do is sit on the magical photograph she has supplied for you!

The amazing event will take place Saturday, August 8, 1998, at precisely noon Eastern Daylight Time.

To participate, just cut out the life-size photograph of Serena's rear end on the next page, then save it until August 8. At exactly noon on that day, place the page on the floor or on a chair, where you can comfortably sit on it. Serena will be sitting on the photograph in her home and transmitting an incredible wave of health, wealth and happiness from coast to coast for a full five minutes.

Serena performed a similar event once before, using a photograph of her hands to transmit her powers in the form of a mass healing.

For weeks after that special day, the Weekly World News office was flooded with thousands of letters of gratitude. People with a staggering variety of illnesses — including heart disease, arthritis, colds, back pain, toothaches and even cancer — wrote to say how they had been healed.

Serena said that since her rear end has a slightly larger surface area than her hands, she believes she can transmit even more psychic power this time. The fact that there is a

CLIP AND SAVE the photo of famed psychic Serena Sabak's bottom on the facing page, and sit on it on Saturday, August 8, 1998, at 12 noon, EDT — and feel her power being radiated throughout your body.

of good fortune, happiness and healing Serena will transmit.

"For those who are seeking to be healed, I stress that I am not a doctor and I am not trying to replace your own physician," Serena said. "I want to be the catalyst, the trigger that will ignite the healing power that is within every person."

Serena encourages people to cut out the photograph of her rear end and save it for the magical five minutes when the power will be transmitted. Make a note to yourself

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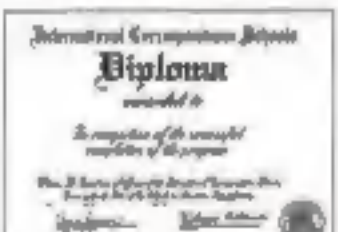

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NEW 'ANTI-VIAGRA' PILL COOLS DOWN SEX-CRAZED GUYS

By GEORGE SANFORD / Weekly World News

PRINCETON, N.J. — Top U.S. drug companies are competing to be the first to come out with a new "Anti-Viagra" pill — that cools down oversexed guys who drive their mates crazy!

The amazing miracle drug turns men who are insatiable tigers between the sheets into tame bedroom pussy cats, experts say.

"This medication puts the brakes on aggressive male sexual behavior," declared Dr. Paul Konstantas, who has been leading a major study of the drug, called Brixin.

"It will be a godsend to women whose husbands are too sexually demanding."

SPECIALIST Dr. Paul Konstantas.

"It will be a godsend to women whose husbands or boyfriends are too sexually demanding"

Different versions of the drug have been tested successfully in clinical trials at leading universities, conducted by several pharmaceutical companies, which are now racing to win FDA approval.

"Tens of thousands of American couples will benefit from the pill, which should be available by prescription in 1999," said Dr. Konstantas.

"Many marriages are destroyed because the husband has an overly strong sex drive," he explained. "Typically, these men are biologically incapable of keeping their marriage vows and their infidelity leads to a breakup.

"When the men do remain faithful, it is an even more painful experience for their wives. They treat them as sex objects, selfishly demanding to satisfy their lust repeatedly during the course of a day. Inevitably the wives become bitter and end the marriage."

Unlike depo-provera, the drug used to "chemically castrate" child molesters, the new pill acts safely to lower levels of testosterone, the male hormone.

"It doesn't completely eliminate the sex drive, but it moderates it, making it possible for a man to make responsible choices when it comes to love-making," said Dr. Konstantas about the new drug which two manufacturers hopes to market under the brand name Brixin.

"For the first time in years I feel as if there is hope for our marriage," said a 38-year-old woman whose husband began taking the magic pill six months ago.

"Before my husband used to insist that we have sex five times a day, or four or more at a time. Afterward I would feel dirty and used. Now he never even mentions sex unless I tap him on the shoulder in the morning and tell him I'm interested in finding around."

Her male agrees, saying that having his sex drive reduced has been a relief. Said the 41-year-old man: "I feel as if I've been allowed to finally get off a wild horse after a long, bumpy ride."

Rats eat formula for arthritis cure!

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Researchers claim to have developed a powerful new medicine that gives instant relief to arthritis sufferers. But they'll be late in presenting it to the world — because a group of laboratory rats ate the formula!

Chemist Lars Knudsen and his staff slaved for more than a year perfecting the medicine in a lab, keeping detailed notes and storing them in a cabinet on the premises.

Too late, they realized some white rats, penned on the other side of the wall, had chewed their way through and eaten the notes.

FROG FESTIVAL!

EDINBURG, Ind. — A 43-

VIAGRA CREATES BOOM FOR NEVADA'S BROTHELS!

CARSON CITY, Nevada's legal brothels are seeing a big boom in business — thanks to Viagra!

Happy hookers say many oldsters have renewed their sexual prowess with the pill — and they are flocking to the cathouses in droves.

Many of the hot-to-trot seniors are so pumped up on the wonder drug that they even shell out extra bucks for additional time when their sessions run out.

"This is the best thing to happen to the business since prostitution," said Dr. Konstantas.

Butterfingers lawsuit

A French waiter told a judge he shouldn't have been fired after dropping food and expensive wine on customers — because he had "buttered fingers."

"I somehow got butter on my fingers and that made me drop the orders," Pierre Dubeux told a

CHRISTIE
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Q Dixie Peters is a fine actress, but that fingernails-raking-over-a-blackboard voice of hers really drives me up the wall. Hasn't she ever considered going to a voice coach, like other performers?

— Dina R., Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

A Dixie's high-pitched, nasal voice is the result of a speech impediment, and it's taken years of work to make it as easy on the ears as it is now. "My voice was even shriekier than it is now if you can imagine," reveals the White Mice Girl Zeitgeister. "People didn't realize how hard I've worked to lower my natural

"I LOOKED like a midget with boobs," says person Dixie Peters about life as a fifth grader

[illegible] pitch. It's difficult for people who've always had a voice like mine to understand how hard it is to change it."

If her current celebrity voice didn't work Dixie enough teasing as a child, she had another hellish ordeal that made her stand out: "By the fifth grade I was wearing a 34C bra, but I was only 4 feet 9," she says. "I looked like a midget with boobs."

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Q Everyone knows that starlet Drew Barrymore went through a wild period in her teen years, during which she experimented with drugs. But is it true that she also tried out lesbianism?

— Elaine B., Bridgewater, N.Y.

A Blonde cutie Drew, 21, admits to having had her share of gay flings, but she's they are a thing of the past. "I've always been bisexual, although I haven't been with a woman in three years," says the returned Hollywood bad girl. She says she is now "very much in love" with

NO LESBIAN LOVES IN THREE YEARS. Drew Barrymore

[illegible] actor Luke Wilson, who she's still out in the movie *Home Fries*. "I like hanging [illegible] and having [illegible] I quite [illegible] — I believe [illegible] right [illegible]."

★ ★ ★

Q Mel Gibson is my favorite Hollywood actor. What did the world's sexiest do for a living before he hit it big?

— Janet L., Portsmouth, Ohio

A While still a struggling young actor Mel worked a variety of odd jobs — including driving an ice cream truck and a taxi. But his biggest gig was as a rabbit in the underwear ads in a fast food restaurant. That gig didn't last long, however. "He was asked after he got [illegible] if he'd be interested [illegible] and declined. The guy who got [illegible] is big now," [illegible] Gibson [illegible]. "He was putting on my ears and had to [illegible] to the touch," the star adds.

TIED FOR RABBIT PUNCH. Mel Gibson

★ ★ ★

Q Please settle this argument my brother and I are having. He insists that former President Jimmy Carter has been knighted. I say such a thing like that never happened. Who's right? P.S. There's $10 riding on this.

— Jeff D., Augusta, Ga.

A You owe your brother $10. Because the peanut farmer-turned-president is [illegible] Actor Johnny [illegible] and Mali Univerdel Alpha Konaté recently bestowed the rare honor on the United Commander in Chief in recognition of his work battling the dreaded Guinea worm disease. Thanks to a program to educate and [illegible] preventative measures by Carter, the debilitating parasitic illness — which plagued Africa for nearly 3,000 years — has been virtually wiped out!

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Q I'm a big fan of singer/actress Brandy Norwood, star of TV's *Moesha*. I'd love to see her branch out into movies. Does she have any plans to appear on the big screen soon?

— Tina N., Detroit, Mich.

A You're in luck! The whole world of 17-year-old pop star Brandy will be making a stab at a film career by starring in a blood and guts slasher movie.

Brandy is set to make her screen debut in the upcoming flick *She Knows*, a sequel to the 1997 slasher thriller *I Know What You Did Last Summer*.

TAKING A STAB AT A BLOOD AND GUTS SLASHER FLICK: Brandy

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Q Denzel Washington certainly looked weird sporting an old-fashioned Afro in his new movie, *He Got Game*.

How did he feel about wearing the out-of-date 'do?

— Gina D., Holland, Mich.

A The star, who hadn't grown an Afro in 21 years, said wearing the classic '70s hairdo was a blast from the past.

"It really took me back in time. And it made it easy for me to go out in public," he told *People* magazine. "I was just a man with a beard and Afro walking

«QUIZ» MOVIE BRAIN TEASER «QUIZ»

Can you identify the stars in the photograph above at right? The first correct entry we receive wins TWO Weekly World News T-Shirts!

HINT: The cornfield child, starred by Patricia Stephens, with a thorn in the side of the parent's, Gregory Peck and Lee Remick. Look for the answer here next week's quiz answer! Address here and the Last Crusade. Mail entries to Brain Teaser, Weekly World News, 600 East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33464-0002.

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LOVIN' SPOONFUL!

How to spend quality time with your kids — even if you work 18 hours a day!

Working parents can still spend lots of quality time with their children simply by following these easy tips from famed pediatrician T. Berry Brazelton.

"More and more families have both parents working, which means that the time spent with children becomes more important than ever," said Dr. Brazelton, author of several bestselling books on child rearing.

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WE CUT UP OUR BABY AND PUT HER IN A BLENDER ... then cooked the pieces in a frying pan!

By LESLIE PINSON (Daily World Staff)

In one of the most gruesome murders in U.S. history, cops say a Chicago couple dismembered their 16-month-old daughter — and chopped her up in a blender!

Joan Tribblet and Everett Johnson are accused of killing helpless Onowanique Tribblet, just because they were frustrated by her crying.

Then, in a coldhearted attempt to cover up the murder, they chopped up her little body and washed parts of it in bathtub acid, police say.

The parts that weren't dissolved in the acid were fried in a pan or chopped up in a blender, but the couple borrowed from a neighbor.

"There were particles that had been cooked up that Johnson then hastily distributed at another location so that dogs and vermin would eat the remains," said Prosecutor Thomas Epach.

Cook County Judge William Wise was stunned by the horrific crime and struck his head in disbelief as he denied bail to the couple, who face the death penalty.

In another disturbing development, Miss Tribblet, 22, claims she is pregnant with another baby. The couple already has three other children, who are living with an aunt.

The twin's death went undetected for three months before Miss Tribblet's mother filed a missing persons report. She had not seen Onowanique for a long time and was getting conflicting stories when she asked where the child was.

When cops confronted the couple, they reportedly broke down and confessed.

A neighbor said Onowanique "wasn't shy bigger than a hamburg" the last time she saw her alive.

Ghost of cleaning lady still tidies up!

CELLE, Germany — Bachelor businessman Kurt Bisher's cleaning lady died six months ago, but the dead woman's ghost still visits the home twice a week — and leaves it clean as a whistle.

"After Mrs. Troger died, I thought I'd have to hire a new cleaning lady," dumbfounded Bisher told reporters. "But her ghost is here bright and early every Tuesday and Friday, just like before."

DOGGIE DAZE!

Spokesman at a puppy farm here in Italy with your buddies and little Bulgarian Majorie, 2 showers covered themselves with the best pal humor and record sunny afternoons in South Europe's Alpine Park.

Fat epidemic sweeping U.S.!

WASHINGTON — A fat epidemic is sweeping the United States — and soon virtually all Americans will be obese, university experts warn.

An estimated 34 percent of Americans are already overweight, a third more than in 1976. What's more, researchers say that today's kids are fatter than they should be, and will grow up to be even porkier than the current generation of adults.

"The trend will continue — actually it seems to be getting worse," says University of California obesity researcher James Hill. "The predictions are that we'll all be meeweight at some point."

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HILLARY'S FACE ON THE NEW DOLLAR COIN?

IF THEY put Hillary's mug on the dollar coin (at left), then they ought to mint Bill, too (at right), says Ed.

. . . only if they put her BUTT on the flip side!

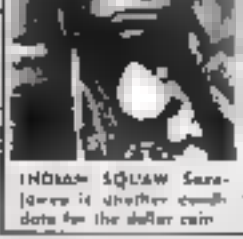
I'm madder than Hillary Clinton in a thong bikini over this stupid new dollar coin that's going to have a woman on it.

Remember that dumb Susan B. Anthony dollar coin that bombed back in the 1970s? That only cost the American taxpayers about a trillion bucks.

The thing was the size of a quarter with this big fat lesbian on it and wouldn't even fit in vending machines. Not very much liked.

Now the liberal egghead[illegible] Washington are gonna try it again. This time the gal on the coin will either be Eleanor Roosevelt or some lesbian on the back of the Statue of Liberty. Hillary Clinton or [illegible] Sacagawea.

She was the bisexual Indian [illegible] who guided Lewis and Clark across the Pacific Northwest in 1804. Well, whoop-tee-doo.



INDIAN SQUAW Sacajawea is another candidate for the dollar coin.

She must have been lesbian, 'cause she's fresh meat — and I'm not talking about deer and antelope, either. There were two sides to that babe's coin, if you get my drift.

But I'll tell you, I'd rather see Oprah Winfrey on a new dollar coin than Hillary. Oprah, the only woman I'd ever vote for. Hillary is just a loser in our book, so she should be the one.

That was when we called heads or tails would really be calling heads or tails. Get it?

Heads or TAILS, get it?

What is the world coming to with the new Sacagawea dollar coin? President Franklin D. Roosevelt's face is on the new dime, and Martin Luther King Jr. is on the $5 bill. Now they're talking about putting Bill Clinton's face on the quarter. And we don't have some dollar bread staring back at us and making us feel like we appreciate every time we need one to buy some food from a vending machine, either.

Let's face it. If the Founding Fathers were wanted to put a woman's face on money, they'd have done it 200 years ago. That's what makes me so pig-headed mad is that only ugly girls are being considered for this new dollar coin. Eleanor Roosevelt's mug looks like a camel's butt. Bill Clinton has thunder thighs and buck teeth.

She could eat an apple through a picket fence for crying out loud!

And the Indian gal looks like a buffalo.

If you wanna put a woman on a dollar bill, try Marilyn Monroe. We might as well get our money's worth.

Ed Anger

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Gourmet peepers selling for $40 apiece!

DOLPHIN EYEBALLS ARE HOT DISH IN JAPAN!

By JOE BERGER / Weekly World News

TOKYO — Moneybags Japanese businessmen are turning up their noses at steak, caviar and sushi — and gobbling dolphin eyeballs by the millions!

Dingbat fat cats are forking over $15 apiece for the boiled, bite-size eyeballs in supermarkets — and up to $40 each in the city's ritziest restaurants.

And daredevil diners swear these delicacies from the deep are worth every penny.

"Some people find it difficult the first time they bite into a dolphin's eye, with the thing looking right back at them," said superchef Shinji Asakura.

"But after one bite, you're hooked.

"There is no steak, no lobster, no caviar or sushi that tastes nearly as good. We began serving dolphin eyes nine months ago and people have been beating down our doors for them ever since — even at $3,000 yen ($240) for a plate of six."

Chef Shinji says prices are high because "dolphin eyes are quite rare and so scrumptious that everyone wants them."

But eyeball cheapskates insist dolphin peepers are more than mouth-watering — that they actually lower your cholesterol and improve your memory.

"Tests have shown that docosahexaenoic acid prevents memory loss and provides many other health benefits," says nutritionist Dr. Yasuaki Kurashima. "And dolphin eyes have more docosahexaenoic acid than anything else in the world."

But even in Japan, not everyone has the stomach for munching eyeballs. And aquamuseum student Reiji Kawamura, 21, says there's a good reason eating dolphin eyes improves your memory.

"If I ever had to eat a dolphin's eyeball, I know I'd never forget it," scoffed remiss Reiji.

Here's looking at you kid: Dolphin eyeballs a Japanese fad

Strange happening!

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BOWLING MIRACLE!

68-year-old housewife rolls four straight 300 games — that's 48 strikes in a row, folks!

For one magical night, Joyce Howser was the greatest bowler in the world — rolling a record-busting four straight 300 games!

That's four consecutive perfect games, a mind-boggling 48 straight strikes in a row.

Not bad for a 68-year-old housewife who averages only 136 and had never scored above 190 even once in her life.

"I've never been so lucky in all my life," Mrs. Howser told reporters the next day. "It seemed like every ball went exactly where I wanted it to."

The remarkable streak surpasses the world record set by a California man who rolled three straight 300s in 1961. Only nine other women ever had two straight 300s.

The miraculous performance took place June 13 in Sydney, Australia, at a women's league Mrs. Howser has been bowling in since 1961.

By SANDRA LEE
Weekly World News

Mrs. Howser rolls a straight ball, as opposed to the hook ball that's favored by most high-scoring pro bowlers. She admitted she gets "pretty excited" any time she gets three straights strikes.

"Three in a row is a rarity for me," she said. "I think that night was the first time I ever started out with three straight in the first game."

But she didn't stop there. Pretty soon she had six straight strikes.

"I remember my teammate Judy saying I pretty much had a 240 game in the bag," she said. "She's better at adding up scores than I am, so I got mad by default."

But she quickly zipped past 240 and zeroed in on a 300 game.

"In the 10th frame I was shaking so bad I could barely hold the ball," she said. "But when I rolled it it went right down there for a strike.

"Everyone in the bowling alley was cheering. I thought I was going to cry," she said. "I had never even seen a perfect game."

But Mrs. Howser's amazing streak was just starting.

"Toward the end of the second game, I stopped being nervous and just started having fun," she said. "The strikes started getting a lot easier."

Before she knew it, she had finished her three-league games with a perfect score of 900.

"My knees had gone all three games, so we were all pretty happy," she said. "Then the man who owns the alley told me he'd pay me $50 to bowl one more game. I decided to give it a try."

With everyone cheering her every move, Mrs. Howser quickly finished off her fourth straight perfect game. But she refused an offer to try for another one.

"My feet were getting tired and my ride was ready to leave," she said. "I doubt I could have rolled a fifth straight perfect game anyway.

"But I guess I'll never know."

AMAZING Joyce Howser rolled 4 sets before her luck ran out

IT'S A NEW WORLD RECORD

Dentist scares teen to death — while pulling out a tooth!

BONN, Germany — A teenage girl with a phobia of dentists was literally scared to death while having a wisdom tooth removed!

A medical examiner determined that Hannah

Parents sue soccer league for not letting useless, hapless son play!

PERTH, Australia — The parents of a boy who was [illegible]

Cruel hubby locks wife in chastity belt — for 5 years!

MATUCANA, Peru — Heartless hubby Hector Bass was so jealous of his pretty wife that he locked her in an old-fashioned 4-pound chastity belt whenever he left their house — for five agonizing years.

"Every minute I had it on was pure hell, but I wore it because I love Hector," said his anguished wife Anna. "He threatened to leave me

assault. He pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for a year after promising to get rid of the chastity belt.

'INVISIBLE PILL' LANDS SIX IN HOSPITAL!

KIDS WRITE THE

Incredible letters from boys & girls that will make the angels smile!

By MAGGIE HOLT / Weekly World News

ATLANTA — Kids say the darndest things — especially when they're writing letters to God!

Here's a humorous and often touching sampling of letters from youngsters all over America. They were assembled by child psychologist Marsha Grotsky, who is posting the finishing touches on her new book, *Why Children Write Letters to God — and What They Want From Him.*

Dear God,
Were you ever a little boy? If so, who are your mom and dad? I hope you don't mind if I ask these questions but I've wondered a lot. Also, have you ever thought about sharing your beard? I think you would look younger if you did.

Thanks,
Colette, 8
Indianapolis, Ind.

Colette

Dear God,
Do you even pay a monthly ache if you eat too much candy?
Sincerely,
Betsy, 10
[illegible]

Dear God,
Mr. Snyder, [illegible] died and went to Heaven and I never got to say goodbye.
He has red hair and freckles. Do you ever see him? Tell him I'm sorry I [illegible]
Love,
Robert, 10
Kansas City, Mo.

Robert

Dear God,
How are you? What is your last name? Can I take my dog in Heaven with me? Is there food in Heaven? What about? Where do you stand when there aren't any clouds in the sky?

Timothy, 7,
Washington, D.C.

Dear God,
I need more brains than the ones you gave me when I was a baby. My big sister says she has a 185 I.Q. If you give me a 195 I.Q., I won't make fun of my sister like she makes fun of me and I'll make all As in school.

Love,
Terri, 8,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear God,
[illegible] you are real but some people say you don't exist. I'm not going to name names but you know who they are. If you would send them a sign it sure would be a great help. A burning bush would be a good sign. Or even some other good sign.

Your friend,
Melanie A.
Jackson, Miss.

Melanie

Mysterious 'puking disease' strikes 823 office workers!

MANILA, Philippines — Three office buildings have been closed after workers mysteriously began throwing up at their desks.

Employees of two international banks and a real estate firm — all located in adjacent buildings — say they felt fine until the moment they suddenly began to vomit.

"They've ruined computers, destroyed paperwork and fouled the carpets," said a health department investigator.

"We don't want them to

One witness affected every single one of the 823 employees working in the office buildings around 10 a.m. on July 5.

'An 8-foot-tall angel fathered my triplets,' says

WACKIEST THINGS —TO GOD!

Dear God,
I saw that picture of a Bible in those stories and I think you're very handsome. Are you married or don't you get married because if you're single I'm single. Yesterday I'll see you in Heaven or even here in Florida if I have a minute.
Love
Jessie

Dear God,
Do you make children go to school in Heaven? Do you make them do homework? What happens if somebody cuts up in class? Do you make them stay after school? If I go to Heaven can I skip math?
Love

Dear God,
I want to be an astronaut.
Will you let me?
Love

Dear God,
Which is the real God — the one in the egg? If you don't know the answer that's okay. I won't tell anyone.
Love
Mark

Dear God,
Could you please make a special exception and let me watch "Miami Vice" tonight? I promise I'll go to bed early Monday. I really do need to watch it because I could flunk a test if I don't know what happens. Please please please.
Love,
Angela

Dear God,
Do you ever wish you were a doughnut? A friend of mine has an aunt named Jeanne and she's one. She says "Mmm" to the mirror and stuff and never talks at us. Are you the same person?
Love
Mark L.

Dear God,
My mommy is very sick, and only you can help her get better, my daddy says. The best birthday present for me would be for Mommy's hair to grow back and for her to get out of bed and walk again.
I don't want any other presents if you just give me that. So that's why I'm writing to you
Your friend,
Tommy, 9.
Baltimore, Md.

Dear God,
My new baby brother doesn't have any teeth. Is he going to get teeth? My mom says he will and I hope he does or he can eat. Please come and finish the baby.
Love,
Tracy, 5.
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear God,
The doctor said my grandma is losing mind and she's real scared. Do make you a deal. Take my mom and let my grandma keep hers. If you do this for me I'll pray every day and be real good. I really will.
Robin A.
Memphis, Tenn.

Man pushes radish 211 miles — with his nose!

POOPA, Iowa — Maple syrup fiend Tom Aspen has just completed a yearlong bid to push a radish 211 miles from Portland to Peoria — with his nose! The 44-year-old says he made the long trek on hands and knees to atone for bad karma — since he committed to the other lifetime. The pilgrimage took Mapr one year, seven months and three days.

THE OCEAN DEPTHS ARE NOISY AS HELL!

BOSTON, Mass — Forget all that romantic nonsense you've heard about the ocean depths being a tranquil silent world. Parts of the sea are literally as noisy as New York's Times Square at rush hour. The cacophony is caused by snapping shrimp and whales communicating with each other, scientists say.

Whales speak in the North Atlantic have a noise level of more than 100 decibels — about the same as a busy New York City intersection, says ocean engineering professor Arthur Baggeroer of MIT.

virgin mom

By KELLY TURNER / Weekly World News

You're stupid to take pills for headaches, say experts

Headaches regularly afflict more than 45 million Americans and are the leading cause of time lost from work. But you'd be an idiot to spend your hard-earned cash on pills to treat the ailment — because you can cure yourself easily without using costly drugs.

Experts say simple relaxation exercises are just as effective as both prescription and over-the-counter pain killers in stopping headaches. That's because most headaches are caused by tension or stress.

In the brain, pain headaches are sent by the nerves.

Here are proven techniques to stop headaches:

● At the first sign of a headache, drop what you're doing and relax. Imagine the eye surrounded by bands of cool water. Soothing away the pain with your mind.

● Close the shades of a darkened room. It might be a good idea to put a bowl of ice-cold water on your forehead. Then relax as much as possible.

● Take time to exercise regularly. Many headaches are caused by muscle tension and stress. Regular exercise helps relieve tension and the pressure of everything.

● Try to avoid foods that trigger headaches. Many people get headaches from eating chocolate, cheese, nuts, citrus fruits, and foods containing monosodium glutamate (MSG).

● Stress can cause headaches. Try to avoid stressful situations. Learn to relax. Meditation, yoga, and exercise help relieve stress.

● Eliminate the foods that cause migraine headaches. Migraines affect about 10 million people in the U.S. Migraine sufferers should keep a diary of what they eat and drink. Then they can eliminate foods that cause migraines.

● Exercise regularly. Migraine sufferers should avoid exercise that causes the blood vessels in the head to dilate. Swimming, walking, and bicycling are good exercises for migraine sufferers.

● Avoid stress. Migraine sufferers should avoid stressful situations. Learn to relax. Meditation, yoga, and exercise help relieve stress.

● Get enough sleep. Migraine sufferers should avoid sleeping too much or too little. Keep a regular sleep schedule, about eight hours per night.

● Don't skip meals. Migraine sufferers should avoid skipping meals. Eat regularly throughout the day.

● Avoid caffeine. Migraine sufferers should avoid caffeine. Caffeine can cause headaches.

● Avoid alcohol. Migraine sufferers should avoid alcohol. Alcohol can cause headaches.

● Avoid smoking. Migraine sufferers should avoid smoking. Smoking can cause headaches.

● Avoid strong odors. Migraine sufferers should avoid strong odors. Strong odors can cause headaches.

● Avoid bright lights. Migraine sufferers should avoid bright lights. Bright lights can cause headaches.

● Avoid loud noises. Migraine sufferers should avoid loud noises. Loud noises can cause headaches.

● Avoid changes in weather. Migraine sufferers should avoid changes in weather. Changes in weather can cause headaches.

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GAL'S BUTT RING SETS OFF AIRPORT SECURITY ALARM!

LOS ANGELES — The new "butt ring" fad created one young plane traveler embarrassment when she had to drop her drawers for airport security guards to prove she wasn't packing a weapon!

The unidentified 16-year-old girl set off the metal detector when she passed through a security checkpoint at Los Angeles International Airport. She explained to the officers that she was "into" piercing and was wearing one of the rings, which go through the skin of the buttocks.

The guards didn't believe the passenger and so she had to strip in front of a female officer to prove it.

SIAMESE COWS ARE WORSHIPPED AS GODS!

[illegible] — Farmers in Thailand are [illegible] of a pair of Siamese cows. They are worshipped as gods by their neighbors. The mixed-breed cows are prized for their milk and beef. Farmers are [illegible] and cows struggle to stay [illegible] cows are [illegible] Thailand [illegible] cows that they are [illegible] gods.

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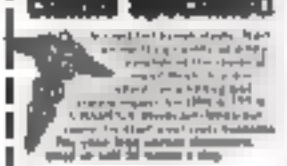

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Hot-to-trot wife wants my lovin' — SIX times a day!

BARRY in Felton

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN ADVICE TOILMAKER

Dear Dutti: My wife is a real sweet gal and she's smart as a whip to boot. Unfortunately, she has a monster sex drive — and I can't keep up. Now don't get me wrong. I'm a man's man in the lovin' department. But at the age of 30, twice a day is about all I can stand. I've discussed my problem with Melinda but she doesn't understand. And if something doesn't give, I'm sure she'll go looking for a man who can give her the four to six love sessions she thinks she deserves every day. Help! — Barry in Felton

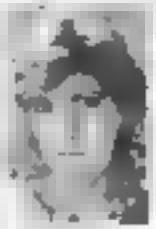
Dear Barry: I don't know where you get YOUR definition of "man's man," but where I come from a 30-year-old dude who can't get it off more than twice a day needs some serious medical attention — pronto!

Should I kill myself to beat depression?

Dear Dutti: Sometimes I get so depressed I want to kill myself. What should I do? — Blue in Madison

Dear Blue: I'm no psychiatrist but I will say this. You won't go wrong doing what your heart tells you is "right!"

Rich lover-boy keeps me hanging — for 17 years

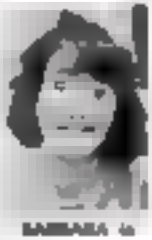


MARIAN in Douglas

Dear Dutti: I have been living with the same guy for 17 years now, and to my way of thinking, it's high time we got married. He doesn't agree. And whenever I bring up the subject, he shrugs it off and says we can discuss it later. Well, later never comes, of course, and I've just about had it. The problem is, Timothy makes a six-figure salary as a civil engineer and I haven't held a job since I talked an idiot to a girl of it. How can I make him see the light? — Marian in Douglas

Dear Marian: The LAST thing you should be doing is supporting this bum. Tell him to get off his duff and get a job. Then tell him to get lost. If he doesn't, he will be exposed for being the shiftless welfare case that he's supported for 17 mind-boggling years. With that in mind, airbrush — keep your fat mouth shut!

Should I ask dinner guests to bring their own grub?



BARBARA in Madison

Dear Dutti: I've been thinking about throwing a big dinner party for some very influential acquaintances of mine, but I absolutely hate to cook. So I've decided to ask the people I invite to bring a covered dish. My best friend says that I'm just being lazy and a cheapskate, but I'm buying all the beer, wine and liquor, so I don't see what's wrong with asking my guests to chip in a little. What do you think about my brilliant idea? — Barbara in Madison

Dear Barbara: Most men love entertaining in their own homes, but they hate cooking and cleaning up afterwards. Ask your guests to bring their own food and you'll be invited to dinner exactly once. Period.

I've lost respect for the church girl I slept with!

ANDREW in Napier

Dear Dutti: Ever since I made love to a girl I go to church with, I've lost all interest in her. For some reason, she's not nearly as attractive to me as she used to be, and frankly, I've lost all respect for her in this department. If it means anything, I'm in and my girlfriend is 16. — Andrew in Napier

Dear Andrew: Most men lose interest in women after they have sex with the most. That's why you should think twice about having sex before marriage. It won't get them anything but pregnant.

Women can't get pregnant

born to Malawi

Dear Barbara: By all means send me the invitations. Just don't be shocked when the people who get them R.S.V.P. — by horse laughing in your stupid face and blackballing you forever!

you told someone that women can get pregnant off toilet seats! How dare you spread lies like that? Any doctor will tell you that women can't possibly get pregnant that way. Get real. Even better, get serious — and tell your readers the truth for a change! — Dr Mike in Washington, D.C.

DR. MIKE in Washington

Dear Dr Mike: Since you live in Washington, why don't you shuffle your butt down to the Library of Congress and flip through some government statistics. Under "Pregnancies, Unwanted" you'll find that 3,000 women get pregnant off toilet seats each and every year. As a doctor, you should have known that. Since you didn't, you're a fool.

WHO'S HOT YOU CAN WRITE

DUTTI'S PENPALS

Send her [illegible] a letter — and let her tell it like it is. Write to Dear Dutti, c/o Weekly World News, 600 East Coral Sea, Lantana, Fla. 33464-0000. She'll forward your letters to her HOT [illegible] who live near you. If you're single and free for love, it could be the start of a beautiful relationship!

Space rock has 87% chance of hitting THIS planet!

GIANT ASTEROID MAY SLAM INTO EARTH THIS OCTOBER

Nuclear weapons will NOT be

STUDY: NUKE CAN'T BEAT ASTEROID

WASHINGTON — An asteroid the size of Rhode Island is on a collision course with Earth, threatening the lives of every man, woman and child on the planet. And terrifyingly, scientists say it's highly unlikely that anything — including nuclear weapons — can stop it!

But unless we do something to destroy the speeding space rock or alter its course there's an 85 percent chance that it will slam into Earth at a mind-boggling 134,000 m.p.h. some time in early October — and that as many as 3 billion people will die.

That is the shocking conclusion of a team of warning

By TEDDY GERALD

Dr. Robert Cremson

and the U.S. military establishment were hotly in to find a way to stave off the disaster. Dr. Cremson — who discovered the wayward asteroid while examining photos taken by the Hubble Space Telescope in March — offered a few tips on averting the collision.

"If you have a bomb shelter, tell your family the risks are A as the impact date nears," he said.

"Naturally you should stock the shelter with non-perishable foods and plenty of water will in all safety.

"If you do not have a shelter or place you can build a basement or other room in your home for survival. Since drugs won't be as effective as a bomb shelter, because they cannot be transported, whatever a drug we can [illegible] will probably be better than nothing.

"Of course, everyone should stock up on essentials prior to D-Day," the scientist added. "Gasoline will be in great demand, as will wood to burn for cooking or heat.

"You will get to use primitive senses that think of all the things you would need to survive in freezing weather for up to a year.

"Let's go out and get them."

EMERGENCY PLAN that would have sent a rocket or rocket-powered vehicle against the asteroid did not work in test simulations, scientists admit

ANT ASTEROID ...ms into Earth in ...s computer ...ption

able to stop it, warn experts!

WARNING: PLEASE DON'T EAT ANYTHING BEFORE READING THIS STORY

. . . you just might lose your lunch!

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Shocked cops here are searching for a sicko with a strong stomach who videotapes women's naked bottoms by climbing into outdoor toilets — and standing chest-deep in a pit of human waste!

By JOE SEGGIS
Weekly World News

Police say they have no idea how many times the pooper peeper has struck in the last six months, but they say he's still on the loose and could be lurking deep in the bowels of any outhouse at any time.

In the latest incident, an unsuspecting tourist sat down on an outdoor toilet at nearby Horsetooth Mountain Park — then suddenly noticed an eerie, orange glow coming from somewhere down below.

The panic-stricken victim realized there was someone in the pit, ridiculing her every movement. She screamed and ran from the outhouse.

When the group-reared creep emerged moments later, the irate lady and several of her friends chased him through the park — but though tied up two hosts, the red-haired pervert managed to escape his pursuers.

Later, cops accompanied by search dogs failed to find the sneaky lecher, whose antics have left lawmen shaking their heads in disbelief.

"I've heard of an individual who tried to commit suicide by diving into a sewage pit, but I've never heard of anyone who's entered a pit and stayed there for any prolonged period of time," said Assistant Larimer County Undersheriff John Kane marvel.

And incredibly, the Fort Collins fugitive is the second of three predressed peepers to make news in less than a week in Kelowna, B.C., Canada. Guy Martin, 34, pleaded guilty to committing an indecent act after cops found him standing three deep in human waste in a resident's port privy at Bertram Creek State Park.

"It seems like more and more men are willing to stand all day in human crap just to get a look at some fat woman's behind," said one laughing lawman. "They get out there and do it all weekend, too — kind of the way you and I would play golf."

LOOK before you take a seat in an outhouse.

European Gaspar Bedoya may look like a model, but the first beauty actually spends her days selling ice cream cones and her evenings quietly enjoying a few favorite hobbies — reading detective stories, doing needlepoint and bowling with pinkies.

Most mountain streams in United States are polluted!

Nothing is cleaner and purer than mountain stream water, right?

Wrong!

Scientists say that before 1970, cool, refreshing mountain water from almost any stream in America was safe to drink.

But now, almost all streams are contaminated with an ugly white powder called giardia that is transmitted by human waste.

Giardia causes violent diarrhea, stomach cramps and ex-

Child-bride killing!

BRASILIA, Brazil — A 13-year-girl was stabbed his 12-

Will the man of my dreams end this nightmare?

MARY in Billings

Dear Serena: Will I ever find a man to share my life? I'm so tired of living alone that I'm willing to settle for just about anybody who comes along.

Please look into your crystal ball and tell me what my romantic future holds. — Mary in Billings

Dear Mary: My crystal ball tells me that you'll meet a wonderful man over the Labor Day weekend. She reveals you'll end up in bed together and I bet you getting married a few days before Christmas!

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Dear Serena: I desperately need to win a lottery jackpot so that I can build a home for wayward children. No one seems to want to help these kids. If you provide me with winning numbers, I promise to give every penny for the home and spend nothing on myself. — Needy in Miami

Dear Needy: Play the ages of your family members along with the number 23. I see a wonderful future for you and your home. Many children will benefit from your worthy endeavor. May God bless you and your work.

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Dear Serena: A psychic told my boyfriend that he is going to die before he is 19. I don't believe this person, but my boyfriend is convinced that she is telling the truth. To make matters worse, he will turn 19 on September 6 — and is getting ready to quit his job so he can enjoy the last few weeks of his life. Please tell him he is not going to die. — Andrea in Reno

Dear Andrea: Your boyfriend is not going to die but he will have a spiritual revelation that will change the course of his life in that period. He psychic he should wish is right on the mark because he will never be the same again.

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Dear Serena: Why spilled tea on my computer keyboard at work? I was gone for a day and when I got back, the keyboard was sticking with cats and ants all over it. I couldn't stand to touch it. I'm now with nowhere to dump it and I'm afraid I'm going to be blamed for it. I think I know who did it but before I make any accusations I want to check with you. — Angry in Portsmouth

Dear Angry: The ghosts of spilled tea over the one you left on your desk that day. It was knocked over by the janitor when he was cleaning that night. If you tell your boss about the spilled tea accident, there won't be a fog to your shower for at least the next eight years. After that, you can write back to me for an update.

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PERSONAL TO . . .

Crushed in Hartford: Your heart is broken now but please understand that Mitchell was no good for you. You'll realize that when Jimmy comes into your life later this year!

Puzzled in San Diego: You didn't get AIDS this time, but if you have unprotected sex one more time, you will.

Grateful in Bangor: You're very welcome. I hope you're happy with your new twin brothers.

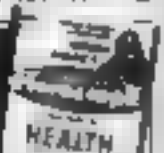
GREG in Lancaster

Dear Serena: Last month I put on a pair of shoes and just about died when I found a little baby frog in one of them. Now I get the creeps every time I have to put on my shoes. Lately it's getting so bad that I'm starting to freak out about it. I know it's crazy but this is starting to ruin my life. Please, set my mind at ease. Will I ever have a frog in my shoes again? — Greg in Lancaster

Dear Greg: You can stop worrying. Your guardian

ANDREA in Reno

SERENA, IS YOUR FAMOUS FALL '98 HOROSCOPE OUT YET!



As a matter of fact, my *Fall '98 Horoscope* will soon hit the stands in Wal-Marts, Kmarts and supermarkets across America.

If you'd like to order direct, enclose your check for $3.49 (includes postage and handling), payable to Serena Books, Inc. Mail to: Mirrorbugs, 600 East Comet Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33464.

HURRY. My supplies are limited — so hurry and get your Fall '98 Horoscope and find out what the stars have in store for you through November!

Fortune-Teller

ORIENT

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WHAT is your secret message from the Orient this week? It's easy and fun to decipher. Here's the key to decoding your message:

If the number of letters in your first name is 5 or less, subtract that number from 7. If there are more than 5 letters in your first name, subtract the total from 12.

Now take the result and find your key letter in the word ORIENT above. Starting at the upper left corner of the box below, check each one of your key letters as it appears from left to right. The letters below each of your key letters spell out a coded message for you.

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THIS WEEK'S SIX LUCKIEST LOTTERY NUMBERS:

GRAB A SEAT IN YOUR VALLEY

Weekly World News has produced another first right in the world's most powerful newspaper — and we use it to pick the six luckiest lottery numbers every week!

The Solve-Both computer, called Delphi Seven, has the ability to calculate which lottery numbers are most likely to come up each week, based on previous performances and established random. The numbers are good for the week the NEWS is on the newsstand.

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Weekly World [redacted] exclusive: The WORLD'S BIGGEST CROSSWORD!

ACROSS

1 Elvis Presley hit (2 wds)
8 The very best (Hyph)
12 Ship's mast
14 Female deer
15 — de Janeiro
16 Raw minerals
19 Makes into law again
20 Worships
21 Impasses
23 Turned in one's notice
25 Weasel-like critter
26 Licorice plant
27 Reactant
28 Light reddish brown
30 West Point student
31 Soccer score
34 — over: toppled
36 Bingo, tarts
38 Festival
40 Zones
41 Sheet of glass
43 Cash drawer
44 Occupy a chair
45 " — about time!"
47 Midget never go —
49 Legs (Sl)
50 Units of radiation
51 Date place
53 Brush up
54 Aroma
56 Wagers
58 Large books
60 Morals, ethics
65 Raises offspring
68 Projected
69 Assignment topping
70 Poisonous perch
71 Sea duck
73 Circle of power members
76 Greek god of war
77 Uppercrust
78 Blundered
81 Mimic fight
83 Cursed latter
84 Grew
86 More tranquil
87 Destroyed
88 Assisted
90 Turf mat
94 Applaud
94 Flower style

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98 " — of Eden"
100 Poe's warbler
101 Pester, taunt
103 Go away
105 Burial, fraternized
104 Project head
106 Flippant, naughty
107 Pack of cards
109 Snoozes
111 Lukewarm
113 Hospital professionals
114 Praying object
116 Hooters, screams
117 That girl's
118 Utter
119 Juiced, drunk (Sl)
120 "A — in the right direction"
122 Mars stipulator
125 Joins the Marines
128 Sponge
128 Singer Turner
130 Salt Lake City is here
131 Anatomical pouch
132 Garden bean
136 " — in the next galaxy"
138 Cher, search
140 Goes with vigor
147 Bandleader Brown
143 Market
144 Flowering shrub
147 Operates a car
149 Relishes
151 Stopping places
154 One of a kind
164 Assert
159 Citrus fruit
160 Accolades
161 Angelic pipes
162 Beneath
167 Cognizant
168 Turban design
166 Confederate soldiers, for short
170 Sky color
171 Left in a hurry (2 wds)
174 Beach formation
176 Poker stake
177 Of course
178 Cache (Abbrev)
181 Vamp (Sl)

183 Stringed instruments
185 Maroon on an island
187 That lady
188 Egress
190 Singer Rose
191 Follow
193 Fold of —
193 Mardi Gras race
195 Chubby Checker's dance
197 Funeral song
199 Midges & mosquitos
202 Stuffed out
204 Old photo type
205 Matinee or Majorie
208 Levels to the ground
211 Sewer runner
213 Smooth fabric
215 Pigpen
218 Ratings ratios
217 Rope fiber
220 Unlock
222 "It's never too — !"
223 Salmon path
225 Corn unit
227 Perplex
229 Reach across
231 Emulate Pippen
232 Property encumbrance
233 Thyme and cayenne
235 Absorb without going!
237 Blood body
238 Weary
239 Go to bed
241 Fur scarf
243 Pregnancy signs
245 Hang out
248 Perspicuously
249 Without sound
247 Starve
248 Ran a short race
249 Fender markup
250 Unhappy
251 Utilize
253 Always
253 Ones who care a lot
254 Reporters' section (2 wds)

DOWN

Country road
Spotted fever
Murphy or Pulitzer
Hangman's knots
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Houston football team
Impede by flood
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Thirsties
Lowers song
Scrubbed a ship
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Notched like a knife
Airplane guidance
Lower leg joint
Writing tablet
Judges, believes
Glove box item
Yogurt starter
Tiny particle
Dentist
" — to, Brute?"
Musical syllables
More liberated
Sicilian volcano
Actress Hartman
Actor Foxx
Land measure
Photographer's [redacted]
Called a tip at
Placed a bet
Three-base hit
[redacted]

61 TV repeat
62 Perceived
64 Click the fingers
65 Threesome
67 Furnace vains
68 Stopped immediately
72 Noble principles
74 Ranchers' charges
76 Dog breeds
78 Mischievous ones
80 Actress Hayworth
81 Chooses
82 Charity
83 Leftover material
84 Preserved
86 Prophets
89 Safe place
89 Seven times a week
90 Iron alloy
91 Weapon's garrison
93 Goes with gentleman
95 Actress Audrey
97 Former Egyptian president
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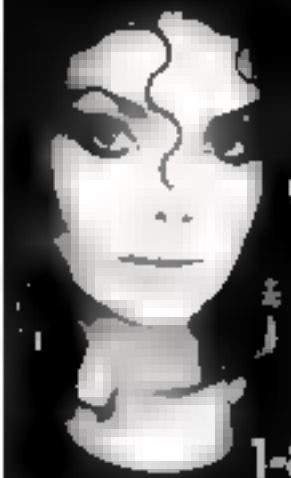

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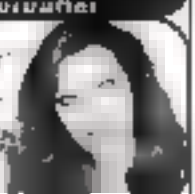

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FLORIDA MAN BUILDING NEW NOAH'S ARK!

'It'll rain for 40 days and 40 nights'

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Devoutly religious Fred Traundberg says he's certain God is going to send another Great Flood — so he's building an ark just like Noah did in the Bible!

The carpenter made national headlines when he started the project back in 1984. At that time, Traundberg claimed the flood was coming in early 1995, but now admits he misinterpreted the Bible.

"It's a good thing I was wrong about the flood because building the ark was far more of a job that I realized," he said sheepishly. "If I hadn't started it in 1984, there'd be no way I could have the ark done by this November, when the flood is really going to hit."

Traundberg said he has consulted with "a few top Bible scholars" who agree with him that another Great Flood is on the way.

By CINDY O'NEIL

"When I made my prediction of the Great Flood coming in 1995, I didn't have a clear understanding and grasp of the Scriptures," he said. "Since then I have consulted with experts who know much more about the Bible than I do — and I've come to the conclusion that the flood will fall on November 16 of this year. And we're going to it will rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

This time Traundberg says he'll have the ark ready.

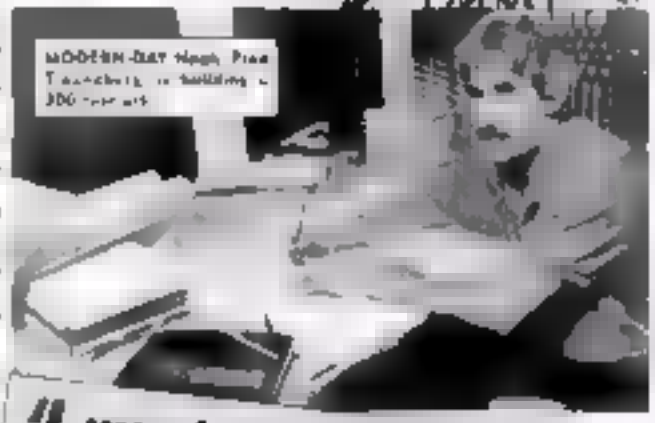
"I've been working on it 16 hours a day every day of the week," he said. "My family is supporting me on this project. We view this as my mission, the reason I'm here on this Earth."

Traundberg said he has always been an animal lover and he is "100-percent devoted" to saving two of every animal on Earth.

"Animals that don't make it on the ark will be wiped out by the flood, so it's important that I do what Noah did and get a male and female of every animal," he said.

Traundberg has also invited his family members, a few friends and at least one Bible expert to board the ark when the rains start.

"The people and animals on the ark will be responsible for repopulating the planet," he said. "It is a very serious matter but it's one I'm going to be prepared for."



'I want to save all the animals I can... just like Noah did in the Bible'

NOAH'S mighty ark was built to hold two of every animal on Earth.

Counterfeiter swallows bogus bill & beats rap!

PARIS — Accused counterfeiter Alain Delouse beat the rap after he ate the evidence against him in the middle of his trial.

[illegible] turned away, so Delouse snatched the bill, stuffed it into his mouth and swallowed it.

The judge said he "had no

Great Flood to begin Nov. 16, 1998

CARPENTER Fred Trueadway stands near the finished outline of the ark.

PEOPLE SHOULD EAT MORE LICE, SAYS EXPERT!

KANANGA, Zaire — Noted chimp expert Nestor Graham shocked the scientific world when he announced that chimpanzees thrive on a diet of head and body lice — and that humans would do well to copy them!

The English biologist says his 12 years of chimp studies in Zaire indicate that when the apes groom each other and eat nits and lice, they get a health boost.

"Animals who eat plenty of lice have shinier coats and a calmer disposition," Dr. Graham said. "They are stronger and more physically active.

"I believe humans should take a close look at this. Lice and starvation often go hand in hand in third world countries.

"Perhaps if humans groomed each other and ate lice like the chimps do, they'd be healthier and happier."

Birthday horror!

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — Nursing home resident Ida Podwell was horribly injured when she leaned over her chocolate birthday cake to blow out the 87 candles — and set her fancy party dress on fire!

The soldier was rushed to a hospital, where she is in serious condition with second- and third-degree burns.

Siamese twins quit smoking & drinking!

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CAVE WOMEN WORE THE PANTS IN PREHISTORIC FAMILIES

. . . says new research!

By KEVIN CREED/Weekly World News

CAIRO, Egypt — The familiar image of cavemen clubbing their women on the head and dragging them back to the cave is a total myth. In fact, new evidence indicates it was the women who knocked the men around and kept them toeing the line!

That's the surprising word from noted Australian anthropologist Dr Frederick Maitland, arguably the world's leading expert on Neanderthal man. For more than 26 years, Dr Maitland has studied fossils, cave drawings and other relics dating from 40,000 to 100,000 years ago.

"All the evidence indicates that Neanderthal man was the meek sex," he says. "He was amazed and awed by men's seemingly magical ability to bring forth life and sustain it, with nourishment from their breasts.

"The cave drawings and crude stone carvings we've examined portray women as veritable goddesses. A man would no more think of knocking her on the head than a devout modern Catholic would think of harming a nun.

"It was the Neanderthal woman, not the man, who found the cave, prepared it and made it livable, then went out to find a mate. And contrary to those silly cartoons we've all seen, it was the woman who did the pursuing.

"When she found a strong, healthy male who looked capable of providing her and her offspring with meat and protecting them from enemies, she brought him back with her — sometimes going so far as to use force.

"A disproportionate number of examined male skulls we've found show fractures in the rear of the cranium. These fractures caused us to pay close attention to the drawings. Many of these pictures show women proudly clubbing men to make them cooperate.

"Although the men were physically stronger, they would never resist because of their reverence for the female."

Dr Maitland says that once the man was "caught," it was the woman who ruled the roost. She determined what the cave was decorated and often had her mate enlarge it using stone tools to dig the primitive equivalent of extra rooms out of the hard rock.

"The women were the brains behind the culture," said Dr Maitland. "They would send the men out to hunt while they gathered together for hours and made plans for the tribe.

"I guess you could call it the primitive form of gossip. But it was very practical and necessary because their woman-to-woman chats were what made the civilization survive."

NEW EVIDENCE indicates it was the women who knocked men around and kept them toeing the line in prehistoric times.

DOWN-TH-SCENES HORROR

Woman awarded $1.45 million after elephant stomps on her backstage on 'Magic & Mirrors' hit show!

Surgeons leave metal clips and gauze in girl — & THE MISTAKE KILLS HER 9 YEARS LATER!

LUCERNE, Switzerland — Surgery saved the life of 11-year-old Laurie Thompson. But complications resulting from that surgery killed her nine years later!

By JACK ALEXANDER
Weekly World News

Doctors accidentally left four plastic surgical clips — three inches long and a half-inch wide — and gauze inside her body during surgery for a rare bowel disease in 1980.

"The surgical clips blocked her large intestine and caused her death," medical examiner Dr Hermann Leber said. "The clips had become encrusted, had suffered severe stomach pains for three days but refused to seek medical help.

"Laurie had been deathly afraid of doctors since that surgery nine years ago," said her grandmother, Gerald Baerlocher. "We begged Laurie to go to the hospital, but she refused. She thought the doctors would be angry with her."

Laurie died at her home in Lucerne. Her parents called police, who photographed the clips and gauze.

Laurie had surgery in two stages nine years ago at a hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany, to combat Hirschsprung's Disease, a rare condition of the lower bowel.

It is believed doctors may have used the clips to stem blood flow during the second operation.

The hospital has promised a full investigation.

Laurie's parents, Mr and Mrs Gerald Thompson, were divorced in 1985. Laurie lived with her mother in Lucerne and visited her father in Zurich on weekends.

Laurie had been engaged to marry Baerlocher in August.

"Her death has been devastating," said her fiancé. "We had plans for a lifetime together but that will never be.

"I know she was the one for me and I'll never find another woman like her."

Laurie was immensely popular at the bank where she worked.

"Everybody liked Laurie," said Baerlocher. "She was a sincere and honest person with

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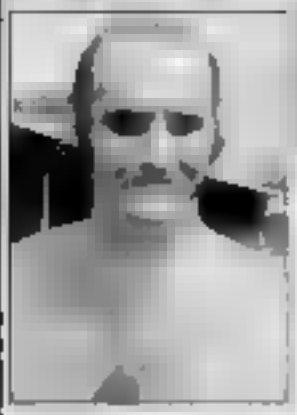

NUDE AND PROUD OF IT: Norman Gruntston wants Americans to strip once a year and relax.

By LISA McBRAINS Staff World Writer

PHOENIX, Ariz. — There's Memorial Day and Groundhog Day and President's Day — and now, thanks to Norman Gruntston, there is National Nudist Day.

The 48-year-old nude sunbathing buff hopes to convince millions of Americans to strip off their clothes this year and relax. He says the bare-it-all festive celebration, scheduled for Friday August 14, will straighten out many of our [illegible] social problems and lead to better mental and physical health.

"People ought to a little bit more [illegible] just for the first few one minute - but once everyone is here there won't be any shame and everyone will feel [illegible]

Gruntston heads up a grass roots nudist group called The Nudity Awareness Association.

"We have lots of studies that show that going around without clothes decreases self-esteem, reduces aggressive behavior and brings you closer to other people. We're convinced that if people experience nudism on National Nudity Day they'll be flocking in nudist camps for the rest of their lives."

Gruntston founded his [illegible] group back in 1983 after his wife died suddenly of a heart attack. The engineer says his wife had been under constant stress — and he realized she would have been fine if she'd been a nudist like he was.

"While I was pealing off my clothes, she was worrying about her wardrobe," he recalls.

"If only she had joined me at the nudist colony, she'd be alive today."

To help his fellow Americans unwind, Gruntston and his group have dedicated themselves to organizing and publicizing the nation's first special day to get naked.

The nudist says he and his organizers have heard from millions of folks who plan to cooperate in the big event. Together, they have planned a day in which folks will:

☞ Strip down and spend time sunbathing.

☞ Participate in on-the-job nudity with co-workers.

☞ Enjoy nude sports, such as swimming, jogging, water skiing, archery and bowling.

☞ Party hearty together in the buff.

☞ Take up nude hobbies like stamp collecting, painting, flower arranging and gardening.

"It's an idea that takes a little getting used to, I admit," Gruntston said. "But trust me -- more people try it, they'll like it."

FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT THE AVERAGE AMERICAN!

If you're an average American, you will spend a mind-numbing five years of your life waiting on lines, take a total of 35,973 showers and fall in love six times!

These are some of the fascinating statistics about ordinary people compiled in the book *So an Average Lifetime* by Tom Heymann.

You can also expect to:

- Have 4,450 orgasms.
- Gobble down 11,113 M&Ms.
- Hog the bathroom for seven years.
- Guzzle down 20,801 bottles of beer.
- Laugh a belly-busting 410,975 times.

'Magnet Man' sues hospital!

SARDINIA, France — "Magnet Man" Joel Latore is suing the municipal hospital here, claiming that a CAT scan he underwent last August destroyed his bizarre ability to attract metal — and ruined his career!

The 34-year-old man has spent 17 years delighting audiences with his bizarre magnet act, in which metal keys, tools and other objects fly through the air and cling to any area of his body.

Since he suffered severe abdominal pain and doctors ordered the sophisticated CAT scan, his body [illegible]

Promoter sells over 5,000 tickets to [redacted] singer's concert!

BUDERIM, Australia — A promoter ended up humiliated and in big trouble after selling 5,000 tickets to a Conway Twitty concert — without realizing the country singer had died back in 1993!

COUNTRY SINGER Conway Twitty

"Conway is really big down here but news kind of travels slow in our part of the world," red-faced Kevin Barton said. "I figured for sure if Conway knew how many of his fans wanted to see him here he'd come and do a show for us. I'm very sorry to hear he has passed away."

Teenage witchcraft on the rise!

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Education officials say the problem of witchcraft among high school teens here is growing at an alarming rate.

A shocking 45 percent of high school girls say they engage in witchcraft-related activities "at least once a week," according to a recent survey.

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Making one or more of these all too typical mistakes in marital misconduct

If you see yourself in any of these sadly unfortunate but far-from-rare bad habits — or risk a trip to divorce court

A IS FOR ADULTERY. Cheating at love causes over a third of all divorces.

B IS FOR BOOZE. Hang out in bars if you want to live by yourself.

C IS FOR CREDIT CARDS. Leading to debt is a quick way to ruin a marriage.

D IS FOR DRUGS. No one wants to kiss their partner in a spaced-out fog.

E IS FOR ENVY. Cast a jealous eye at single pals if you want to add a touch of bitterness to your marriage.

F IS FOR FORGETTING THAT BIRTHDAY OR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. A sure trodden route to divorce court.

G IS FOR GAMBLING. That's an odds-on favorite to cause a break-up with your loved one.

H IS YOUR SEPARATE HOBBIES. Golf can slowly

I IS FOR IMAGINING THAT YOUR PARTNER IS UP TO NO GOOD. It can be as calamitous as the real thing.

J IS FOR JOGGING. An early morning cuddle in bed is often better for a marriage than taking off around the block.

K IS FOR KINKY SEX. If it works you both fine. But it could be a ruinous one once you've had the big D. — Divorce.

L IS FOR LIES. They'll come back to haunt you and pave the way to heartache and separation.

M IS FOR MOM-IN-LAW. Surveys show that at least one in every 10 divorced couples blame their in-laws.

N IS FOR NAGGING. A henpecked husband — or wife — is most on the phone to a lawyer.

O IS FOR OVEREATING. It makes you fat and unattractive. Sleeping with a fat slob puts the breeze on a marriage.

P IS FOR PRANKS. A divorce court heard that one wife shaved her husband's eyebrows while he slept.

Q IS FOR QUESTIONS. "Where have you been?

R IS FOR REFUSING TO COMPROMISE. Shout each other down and never listen if you're tired of marriage.

S IS FOR SULKING IN SILENCE. Maybe — but don't tell your partner why you're upset. The split soon follows.

T IS FOR TAKING HIM OR HER FOR GRANTED. You'll drift apart if you don't whisper, "I love you," often.

U IS FOR UNDERMINING YOUR PARTNER. Don't ever call your husband a wimp or your wife a prima Jane.

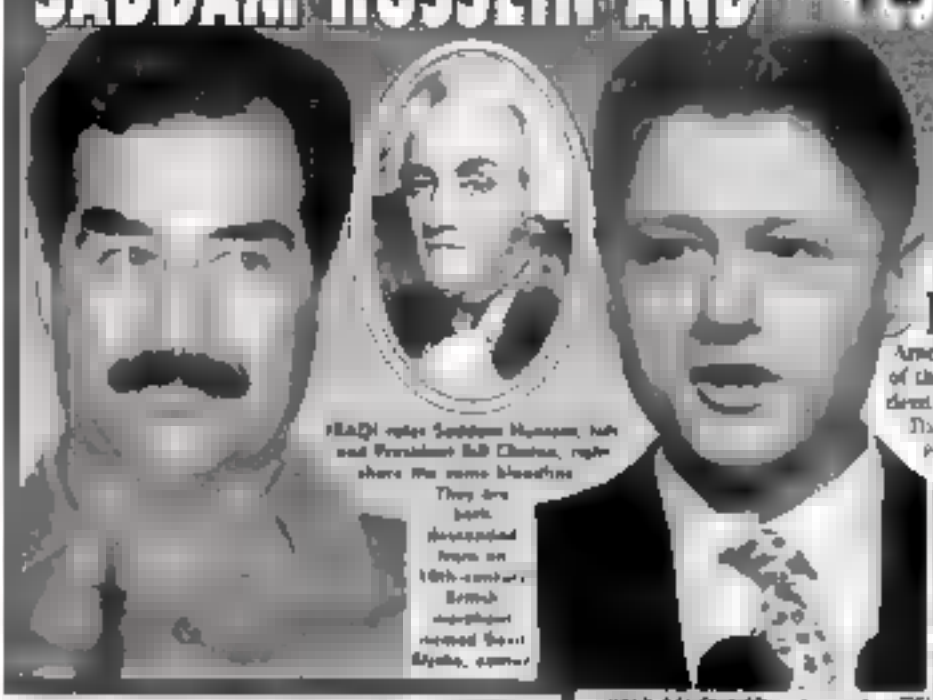
V IS FOR VACUUM CLEANING AT THE WRONG TIME. Like when he's in bed nursing a hangover.

W IS FOR CLUBS FOR WIFE-SWAPPING. Join one if you want to swap marriage for bachelorhood.

X IS FOR XXX-RATED VIDEOS. Take him three and you may as well fast-forward to a divorce.

Y IS FOR YOUNG LOVE. The less mature you are when you tie the knot, the more likely your marriage is to fail.

SADDAM HUSSEIN AND PRESIDENT CLINTON ARE DISTANT RELATIVES



IRAQI ruler Saddam Hussein, left, and President Bill Clinton, right, share the same bloodline. They are both descended from an 18th-century British shopkeeper named Hazel Blythe, owner

by MIKE FOSTER World News Service

Brutal Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein never misses a chance to express his hatred for America, but he is actually a distant relative of one of that country's most famous citizens — U.S. President Bill Clinton!

That is the startling contention of the renowned British genealogist Dr Graham Pedreath

"Based on the evidence I have gathered, there is no doubt in my mind that [illegible] there is a common ancestor," said Pedreath, who researches the relationship of [illegible] famous people.

Dr Pedreath, who has traced the roots of other world leaders including former Presidents George Bush, Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter, said that regular President Clinton [illegible] "We've [illegible] Virginia Kelly was married four times and [illegible] father William Blythe [illegible] married four times as well," said the report. "He has scores of [illegible] mom is where he gets his [illegible]."

Dr Pedreath [illegible] most prominent Virginia records [illegible] and other sources Dr Pedreath was able to establish that Clinton's paternal grandfather, William Blythe I, was the great great grandson of [illegible] Blythe, who [illegible] named Hazel Blythe, who traveled extensively throughout India, Persia and elsewhere as an agent of the East India Company.

In 1765, he helped to set up an office of the English trading house in the Iraqi city of Basra.

While serving there Blythe — who already had a wife and child back in England — began an affair with a beautiful courtesan named Rania Khan, according to [illegible] report. [illegible]

. . . CLAIMS NOTED GENEALOGIST

[illegible] Kelly [illegible] Bill [illegible] Hope, Ark., [illegible] Aug. 19, 1946. Bill Clinton was born William Jefferson Blythe III and [illegible]

"If Saddam Hussein were to [illegible] and when he visited the [illegible] Bill Clinton [illegible] Roger Clinton Jr., he [illegible] the two men's last name — Blythe and William Jefferson Clinton."

Although the White House has refused to [illegible] Dr. Pedreath's book [illegible] that Bill Clinton "put a real [illegible] on it."

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[illegible] Ralph Bergstrom, who conducted the study for a Stockholm, Sweden insurance company.

CELEBRITIES and genealogist Dr. Graham Pedreath reveals other shocking family ties in his upcoming book Bloodlines of the Famous Rulers

Newlywed's kiss brings dead hubby back to life!

CARACAS, [illegible] — [illegible] after her husband [illegible] was pronounced dead, doting bride Carmen Estrella, kissed his corpse and brought him back to life! The newlyweds were driving to a honeymoon resort when their car was rammed by a truck on

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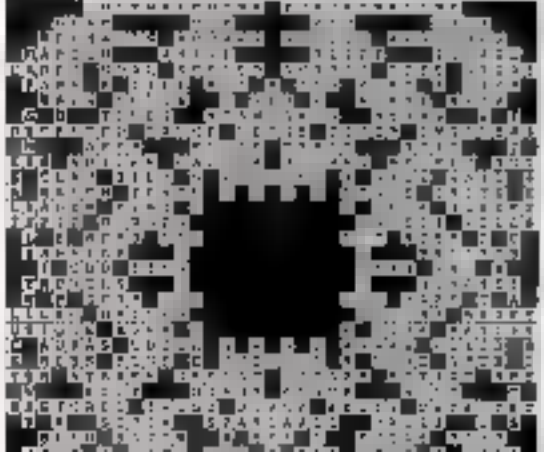

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Get fit . . . with America's No. 1 mass murderer!

Charlie Manson's new excercise video!

By KEVIN CURRIE
Weekly World News

CORCORAN, Calif. — Exercise gurus Jane Fonda, Richard Simmons and Susan Powter will soon have some competition from a surprising source: Mass murderer Charles Manson!

Manson has been fighting the legal system for more than two years trying to get *The Total Body Prison Cell Workout*, his 45-minute video tape on the market.

Back in March 1994 Weekly World News broke the story of Manson's attempts to get the tape released. At that time, angry victims and state authorities were attempting to halt the tape's release.

The video's promoter, fitness expert Fred Zakemond, has had an uphill fight trying to get around the law which prevents criminals from profiting from their crimes. But he has finally found a loophole in the law and expects to get the tape into stores in time for Christmas.

Zakemond, 41, says he's disgusted by his opponents attempts to censor him.

"All right, I agree it's not a nice guy," he says. "But he's very fit and he has something to share with out-of-shape Americans who have small homes or apartments and can't afford a membership to one of those expensive health clubs.

"Charlie shows you how to turn a tiny, limited space into a gym of you using a system he developed over more than 20 years of prison experience. I think the tape has tremendous value."

The video, expected to retail for $49.95, features exercises to improve strength, flexibility and aerobic capacity.

Here are some of the moves as demonstrated by Manson himself and a bevy of attractive women called "The New Family."

THE CREEPY-CRAWLY (For upper-body strength) — Lie on your belly with your feet against the wall. Using only your elbows move yourself in the car wall, then reverse the motion and move back.

THE HELPER-SKELTER (For cardiovascular fitness) — Stand with legs 10 inches apart. Shift your weight quickly from one foot to the other and shake your hands, arms and shoulders rapidly. After a few minutes of this, you'll be ready for the next exercise.

THE SOLITARY STRETCH (For flexibility) — Grab onto something solid and lean back. Manson says the best of the special, supervised versions of standard exercises using things as big as his cell such as his cell cot, sink and toilet.

LUCKY TO BE ALIVE Years after Mandy Pickhart.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Avid snorkeler Mandy Pickhart faced every woman's worst nightmare when she was dragged underwater by a giant octopus — and sexually molested! The terror-from-the-deep ordeal took place as the 23-year-old Miami gift shop owner was on vacation in Australia, exploring the Great Barrier Reef. Miraculously, Mandy survived the brutal assault by the lust-crazed mollusk. Here, in her own words, is her chilling account of the stomach-turning attack:

By Mandy Pickhart

"Oh God, no — This can't be happening," my mind screamed in horror as the enormous octopus gripped me in the most intimate parts of my body.

Fighting pain and struggling to hold my breath, I shuddered as slimy tentacles covered with sucker pads slid between my thighs and enshrouded my breasts.

My lungs felt as if they were going to explode — but I couldn't escape the powerful arms that held me dreams of feet below the surface. And I began to think that death would be a merciful relief from the sick-

'I WAS SEXUALLY MOLESTED BY A GIANT OCTOPUS!'

MANHANDLED by a man-hole: Artist's conception of Mandy Pickett's terrifying underwater encounter.

Florida woman suffers terrifying attack off Great Barrier Reef!

been enjoying the sunshine of a lifetime. I had spent years saving up for this trip to Australia's Great Barrier Reef and had gleefully jumped off the dive boat to explore the beautiful coral along with a dozen other snorkelers.

The captain had cautioned us to stay away from a particular dark patch of water but adventurous by nature, I ignored the warning and drifted in the area. Breathing through my snorkle, I looked down in delight at the scenes of brilliantly colored tropical fish that swam beneath me.

Suddenly I felt something snake around my right ankle — and before I could signal for help, it yanked me down. I had time to suck in one deep breath before being hauled into the depths.

Twisted around in fear, I looked through the crystal-

most octopus beyond these inhibits me in its grip with one of its 12 foot arms.

I tried to kick free but the thing was far too strong. With all my might I managed to get my head above water and scream for help, but the octopus dragged me back down.

Then the unspeakable happened — using another of its eight tentacles, the creature

arm behind me and wrapped it around my waist. I was trapped in a deadly embrace with the monster.

Waves of nausea and shame swept over me as the giant beast caressed me. But I couldn't dwell on those feelings — I knew I was in danger of drowning. I struggled and kicked and tried to wrest away.

The octopus continued to toy with my body for a moment — and it took all my will power to keep still and resist the urge to fight back.

Then finally growing bored with its lifeless plaything, the octopus released me and jetted away.

I shot toward the surface — and a second later I broke through to the upon air, gasping for breath.

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Hundreds of skeletons found in White House basement!

ALL the President's horses: A plumber discovered the White House secret.

WASHINGTON — A secret basement has been found in the White House — filled with guns and hundreds of dusty old skeletons!

The shocking discovery was made by a plumber who was working on water pipes below the White House kitchen.

"There is a service area below the first floor of the White House that is used every day by the Secret Service agents," a government insider revealed. "Electricians and plumbers and other service people do a lot of their work down there.

"The plumber who discovered the secret area was just going past and went through some doors that probably hadn't been opened in 50 years," he said. "What he found just about scared him out of his wits."

The stunned plumber immediately notified the Secret Service of his startling find.

"The basement area has guards on it 24 hours a day," people voluntarily went into the basement during a time of emergency — possibly during the Civil War. That might explain why they had guns with them. But then you have to wonder why they all died down there.

"I understand there was evidence that one or two of the men had been shot, but there's nothing to indicate there was a full blown shootout. It appears most of the people died of starvation.

"Surely when the people went in the room someone knew they were down there," the source said. "So you have to ask why they were left down there to die."

The source confirmed that President Clinton has received several reports about the skeletons.

"He wants to stay on top of exactly what's down there and frankly I can't blame him. How would you feel if someone found a bunch of skeletons in the basement of your house?"

By FRANK DI PIETRO

The only people allowed down there are government experts who are desperate to figure this mystery out."

One report said the guns in circle the people went into the basement during the late 1800s or early 1900s. But no one has been able to determine who all the dead people are and how they got into the White House basement.

"One theory is that these

PEOPLE WITH HEMORRHOIDS ARE THE LUCKIEST GAMBLERS!

By RICK TRACY

An amazing new study of Las Vegas gamblers reveals that big winners at slots, blackjack and poker all have one thing in common — a wicked case of hemorrhoids.

Dr. Albert Hartley

Researchers found that most women 50 and older plop down in front of a $1 slot machine the minute they arrive in Vegas and stay there hour after hour day after day. "These women often hit the jackpot several times in a single day — and they usually reach for the hemorrhoid medication before retiring at night," Dr. Hartley said.

He said winning poker and blackjack players are often tele-

10 PERCENT OF

WASHINGTON — A staggering

GIANT HOROSCOPE

By SERENA SABAK
PSYCHIC AD
[illegible]

For the week of July 27

ARIES
Mar 21 – Apr. 19

The solution to a nagging problem will hit you this week. Jot down the highlights. If you forget, you'll be stuck with that pain once more.

Blooms pals tend to think what could be a happy hour. Be positive and cheerful. Your great mood could save the day.

Stay humble. Blowing your own horn at this time might wreak enough good fortune.

TAURUS
[illegible] May 20

Friends and strangers will seek you out quite often than normal this week. Don't get bogged down any increased popularity.

Your first impressions of people are likely to be right on the money. Don't be swayed by talk. Stick to your gut feelings.

Overeating could dampen your weekend by making you feel sluggish and sleepy.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Celebrating your birthday or [illegible] new years are apt to result in [illegible] being this week. Keep your head and don't be influenced by people who don't have your best interests at heart.

You are capable of doing many worthwhile things in life. But are you trying hard enough?

This may be the week to add a bit of spice to your daily routine. Watch your spending.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

You're a catch for a lot of other people. Some may be admirers and may take advantage of you this week. Be on guard.

A friend or relative may give more grief than you can take this week. A past kindness has not been forgotten.

All signs point toward a change in your lifestyle this week. Keep your options open. There may be an opportunity you won't want to miss.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

Put your thinking cap on this week. The solution to someone else's problem could be a dream maker for both of you. There's a hard decision but nobody's going to drag it out your way.

Unfriendliness could cause problems with a person in authority. This is not a good time to cope with major unreasonable demands.

Good things come in large packages this week.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Let the good times roll. This is a good week to whoop it up with family and friends. You can have a ball with out acting irresponsible or letting that down and let go a bit.

Being helpful puts you on good terms with a stranger who could make a dream come true. Be quick enough to recognize a subtle offer.

A dream holds special meaning for you and your family.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Your usual clear thinking may be muddled this week. Best to put off major decisions until a later date.

Just done it! You may have an open door later in the week, but with caution. You can afford it. Look after your diet, so you'll feel in tip top shape.

A family person may try to make friends. Be kind — you might be surprised at the depth and rewards of this relationship.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Light and sunshine will flood your life this week. No matter what your hardships they will be easier to bear.

This good feeling will spill over to your work and love life, giving you a great seven days to look forward to.

Remember, though, you must keep a positive outlook or no strong times your attitude will give you the strength to carry on. This is a good week to plan for the future.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Relax in any capacity to do more than you can handle this week. Keep your life moving at an even pace and spread as much time as possible lending a hand to your fellowmen.

Touch base with loved ones and close friends. They may be in need of some wisdom and thoughtfulness.

Romance the weekend to relieve any pent up need to be creative. Appear to be happy.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

There's a chance you've been overlooking something or someone and it would serve both to benefit you. Let the people around you figure out what's going on themselves.

Your health may worry you this week but don't let it bother you. You're fit as a fiddle — and a late week surge of energy will prove it.

Lighten your workload and regain some of the fun you've been missing.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Don't allow the petty gripes of others to get a damper on your efforts to move forward your goals this week.

Your ability to cope up with new ideas should be stifled.

Keep in tune with events happening around you so you can take on any problems which may crop up.

A few fun-filled hours with a friend or someone special will do wonders for your self-esteem.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

You've been going like gangbusters and it's time to slow down. Relax this week and spread some love about.

This is not a good time to travel. Short trips to work or the grocery store are fine. If at all possible, venture no further than the edge of town.

Dreamy figure prominently. Put other attentions to those that you're a bad habit. Keep temptations [illegible]

If your birthday is this week

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YOUR LUCKY LOTTERY NUMBERS

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Serena Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look down the zodiac sign in the chart below. If you need more numbers for the lottery, be your own, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

ARIES Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	10, 12, 20, 29, 38, 39
TAURUS Apr. 20 – May 20	4, 10, 20, 31, 40, 41
GEMINI May 21 – June 20	13, 15, 25, 31, 39, 42
CANCER June 21 – July 22	7, 10, 21, 29, 34, 42
LEO July 23 – Aug. 22	18, 19, 21, 23, 36, 38
VIRGO Aug. 23 – Sept. 22	1, 17, 24, 26, 37, 40
LIBRA Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	10, 19, 21, 28, 41, 44
SCORPIO Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	4, 11, 27, 33, 38, 40
SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 – Dec. 21	7, 20, 23, 35, 40, 43
CAPRICORN Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	9, 12, 21, 29, 34, 42
AQUARIUS Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	1, 17, 23, 28, 37, 41

ANCIENT PROPHECY FORETOLD A SUMMER

WEIRD WEATHER FRIGHTENS BIBLE EXPERTS

The Earth is literally "burning up," experiencing the highest average global temperatures in history. And religious experts are convinced that this summer's record heat, freak lightning storms and killer tornadoes are signs that world is about to experience a cataclysmic event of biblical proportions — perhaps even the Apocalypse!

By MIKE FOSTER

Some Bible scholars believe the rising heat is evidence that Satan — who the Bible says will rule the world for a short time just before the Second Coming of Jesus — is preparing Earth for his

OF GREAT HEAT AND STORMS!

HELL ON EARTH: This summer the U.S. has been plagued by wildfires.

God said, 'I call for a drought upon the land, and upon mountains and upon the corn . . .'

south of the country," explained a National Weather Service source. "Now, with record heat setting over those regions, that vegetation has dried out, fueling wildfires in Southern California, Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, New Mexico and elsewhere."

Much of Florida has been declared a disaster area, with more than 530,000 acres scorched by blazes.

In addition to the extreme heat and drought conditions plaguing

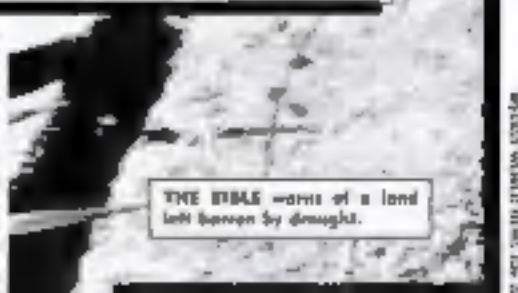
often unaccompanied by rain.

When rain does come, it has often been devastating and unwelcome. A series of severe thunderstorms have inundated Ohio, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and West Virginia, where 17 counties were declared disaster areas.

In addition, chillingly, tornado deaths in the first half of 1998 have been the worst in decades, with the number of deaths more than double the yearly average.

protect is produce the hottest temperatures ever," said the National Weather Service source. "We've simply never seen anything like this before."

"Global temperatures are climbing at an alarming rate. Some scientists attribute this to the so-called 'greenhouse effect' — but even that wouldn't explain the kind of rapid heat increase we're seeing around the world. In India alone, thousands of people a day are dropping dead as



THE BIBLE warns of a land left barren by drought.

WEIRD WEATHER FRIGHTENS BIBLE EXPERTS

(Continued from Page 45)

quakes, wars and other crises, odd weather would be a sign that Judgement Day is near.

"Heat, specifically, is mentioned time and time again in the Bible," said Rev. Bernel.

He points to **Deuteronomy 28:22**, which states: "The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning ... and shall pursue thee until thou perish."

James 1:11 warns, "For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth."

Lamentations 5:10 also describes a heat wave, stating, "Our skin is hot as an oven."

Another verse warns of a terrible drought, points out Rev. Bernel. **Haggai 1:11** reads, "And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands."

Yet another verse paints an even more grim version of a scorched Hell on Earth.

Jeremiah 51:43 reads, "Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby."

The fact that massive flooding is taking place in parts of the country this summer offers little hope of relief from the hellish heat and drought, the Bible scholar warns.

"Fiery heat and deluges are not really contradictory — in fact they are spoken of together in the Bible," says Rev. Bernel. "In **Daniel 7:10**, the prophet has a vision in which he sees a river of fire.

"There is every indication that the killing heat we are seeing is a sign that Satan, through his agent the Anti-Christ is about to take power. That means Our Lord will soon be coming to Earth to combat Lucifer in the Battle of Armageddon — the final war between Good and Evil.

"People must use this time to get right with the Lord before the end comes."

Flash flooding will leave thousands homeless

Killer tornadoes sweep across Midwest

Lightning, floodwaters kill 5 in Northeast storms

WORLD news July 30, 1996

SECRET SUMMER FORECAST NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SEE:

National Weather Service forecasters have been reluctant to release all of their predictions about this summer's weather, for fear of sparking nationwide panic. But a source says that according to an unreleased report, this is what is in store for the nation over the next two months:

• A furnace-like heat wave will scorch the Southeast, with temperatures peaking at 115 degrees.

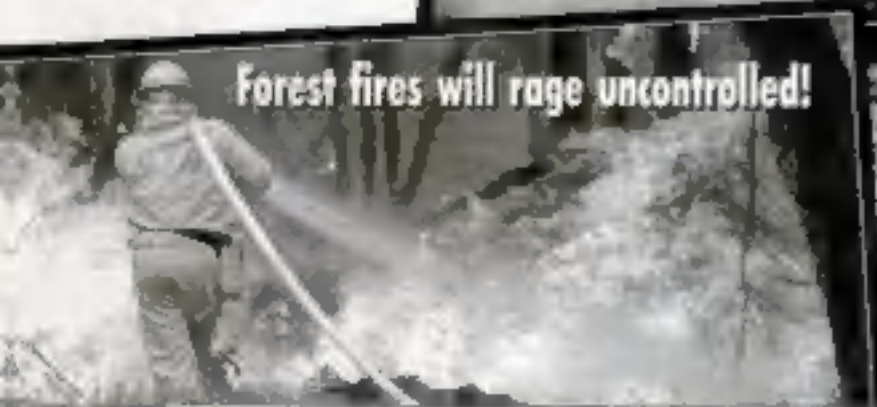
The heat will cost billions in crop damage and record demand for air-conditioning could cause power blackouts that paralyze the region.

• The Northeast will reel under blistering heat and humidity. Stagnant air will lead to severe pollution problems, potentially resulting in thousands of deaths from respiratory distress, particularly among children. Expect temperature readings up to 105 degrees.

• Violent killer tornadoes will plague the Midwest, whipping across the region in unheard of numbers. Entire towns "may simply vanish from the face of the Earth," says the Weather Service source. There will also be pounding rainstorms that cause flooding, leaving thousands homeless in low-lying areas.

• The West and Southwest will take the brunt of the heat wave, suffering under sweltering temperatures of 130 degrees. This will likely wipe out thousands of livestock unaccustomed to the abnormal conditions.

• The West Coast is due to experience temperatures as high as 110 degrees. It will also be jolted by vicious electrical storms that spark intense fires. These infernos may become so widespread that it will be necessary to totally evacuate certain cities in California, including Los Angeles.



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